

Rutland Regional Medical Center

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget

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Questions:

- 1) Specify which direct clinical care positions were eliminated among the 45 FTEs identified in your cost reduction plan.
- 2) Page 16 of the narrative indicates 1,500 patients days for patients awaiting for care that could have been provided outside the hospital's acute care setting through May of 2023 (annualized to 2,250 for FY23). How many patients were waiting in that time and/or provide the estimated days awaiting placement per patient. Indicate the most significant causes for the longer waits for placement.
- 3) Vermont's FY24 budget indicates an increase in Vermont Medicaid's RBRVS fee schedule to 110% of Medicare for primary care providers and a 3.8% inflation increase to specialty care providers. Have these increases been factored into your budget? If not, indicate what effect that would have on the submitted commercial rate increase.
- 4) Elaborate on the -3754% decrease in "All Other" category of net operating income (FY23-FY24 B %) (Income Statement).
- 5) "The most significant impact in our budget relates to the fact that some patients will no longer be covered by the Medicaid program due to the reinstatement of eligibility review. As a result, we assume bad debt will be impacted by about 10% and have therefore increased our reserve for uncollectible to 2%" Does this projection impact how much free care is projected, or only bad debt? Please explain. (Narrative, 1).
- 6) Elaborate on how "rules that set limits on reimbursement for supplies, pharmaceuticals, and select services" as well as "price transparency rules for out of network services" materially reduce reimbursement (Narrative, 8).
- 7) How does RRMCM assess the relative value of paying a collection agency versus helping patients access patient financial assistance? (Narrative, 20).