

Green Mountain Care Board

Owen Foster, GMCB Chair
Robin Lunge, GMCB Member

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About Us

- Established in 2011 (Act 48)
- 5 Board Members
- 6-Year Staggered Terms
- The GMCB is an independent Board that is part of state government
- Quasi-judicial

THE BOARD & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Owen Foster, JD
GMCB Chair



Jessica Holmes, PhD
GMCB Member



Robin Lunge, JD, MHCDS
GMCB Member



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GMCB Member



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PhD, MS, MSPT
GMCB Member



Susan Barrett, JD
GMCB Executive Director

GMCB Quick Facts



Quick Facts

- Established in 2011
- [5 Board Members](#)
- Appointed by the Governor to staggered, six-year terms

Vision A sustainable and equitable health care system that promotes better health outcomes for Vermonters.

Core Values Independent; Transparent; Data-Driven; Holistic; Collaborative; Accountable

Mission Drive system-wide improvements in access, affordability, and quality of health care to improve the health of Vermonters.



Regulate major areas of Vermont's health care system



Serve as a transparent **source of information and analysis** on health system performance



Advance **innovation** in health care payment and delivery

Transparency and Public Engagement

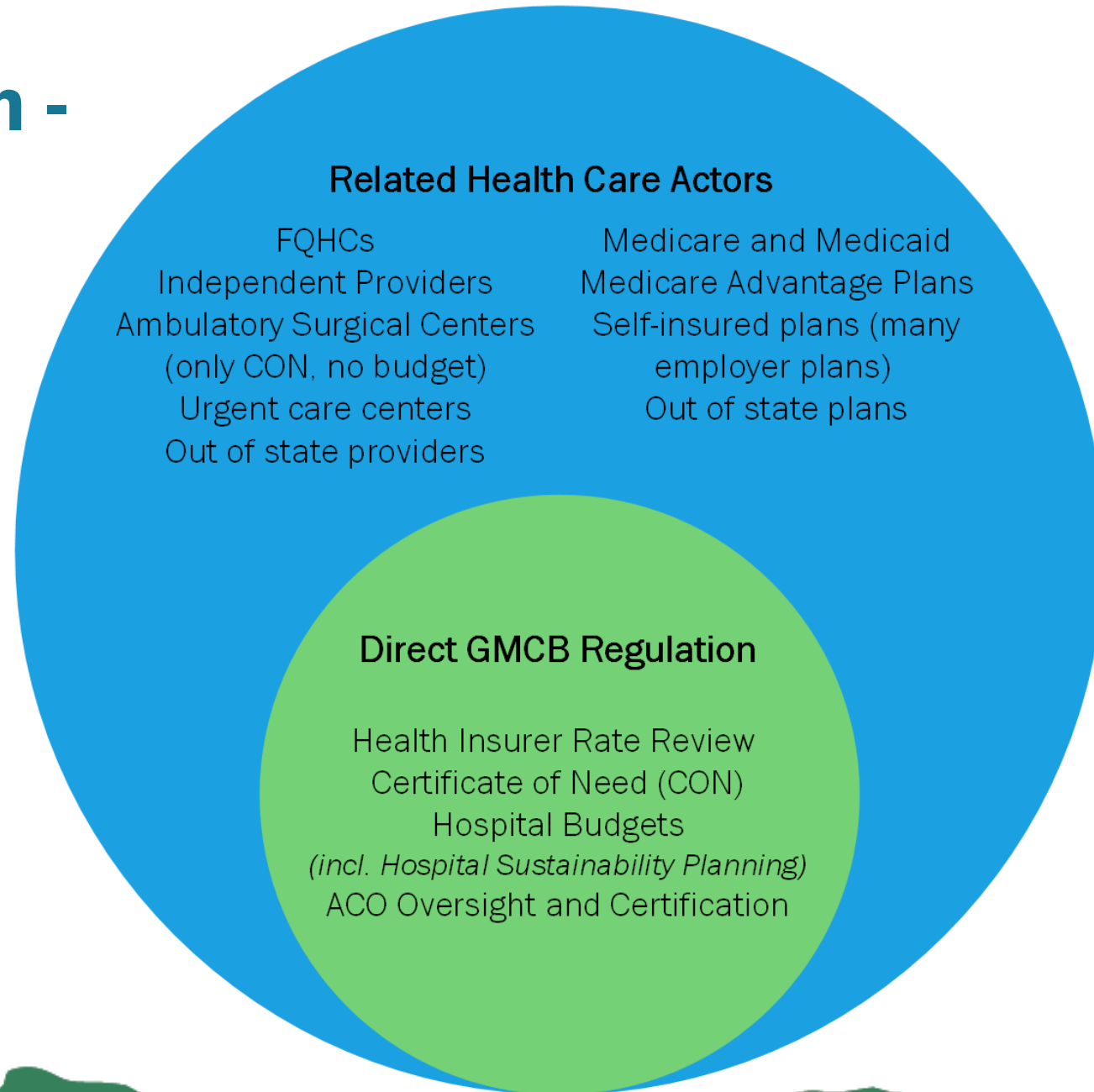


- 52 Public Board Meetings in 2022
- Public Engagement
 - Receive and encourage public comment on all the GMCB's work, including special public comment periods for every process.
 - Roundtable discussions featuring local and national experts on topics such as Vermont's primary care landscape.
 - Regularly convene public advisory committees: General, Primary Care, and Prescription Drug Advisory Groups
- Health Care Advocate is integral to the GMCB's work

GMCB - REGULATION

GMCB Regulation - Scope

- GMCB regulatory decisions impact areas the GMCB does not directly regulate



GMCB Regulation - 2022



- 14 Hospitals
- 2 Accountable Care Organizations
- 11 Health Insurance Premium Rate Filings
- 7 Certificates of Need Issued (plus 3 with material changes and 5 that did not meet threshold)



Resource: [Regulatory Process Summaries](#)

GMCB – Regulation



Regulation:

- Hospital Budgets:

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- 14 Hospital Budgets in 2022
- Hospitals had significant financial challenges
- For 2023, GMCB approved a system-wide Net Patient Revenue (NPR) of \$3.27 billion, a 10.1% NPR increase over FY2022 approved budgets.
- Affordability/Sustainability challenges



GMCB – Regulation



Regulation:

- Health insurer rate review (including the Exchange):
 - 11 health insurance rate filings in 2022
 - Approved average rate increases for exchange plans:
 - MVP individual 19.3% (reduced from 24.4%)
 - BCBSVT individual 11.4% (reduced from 14.9%)
 - MVP small group 18.3% (reduced from 23.4%)
 - BCBSVT small group 11.7% (reduced from 15.4%)

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- ACO Oversight, Certification, Rule 5.0 (Act 113); ACO Budgets:
 - 2 Accountable Care Organizations in 2022

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GMCB – Regulation



Regulation:

- Major capital expenditures (Certificate of Need);
 - The Certificate of Need (CON) process is intended to prevent unnecessary duplication of health care facilities and services, promote cost containment, and help ensure equitable allocation of resources to all Vermonters.
 - In 2022, GMCB approved seven CON applications with a total value of \$49,314,743.



GMCB – DATA AND ANALYTICS

GMCB– Data And Analytics



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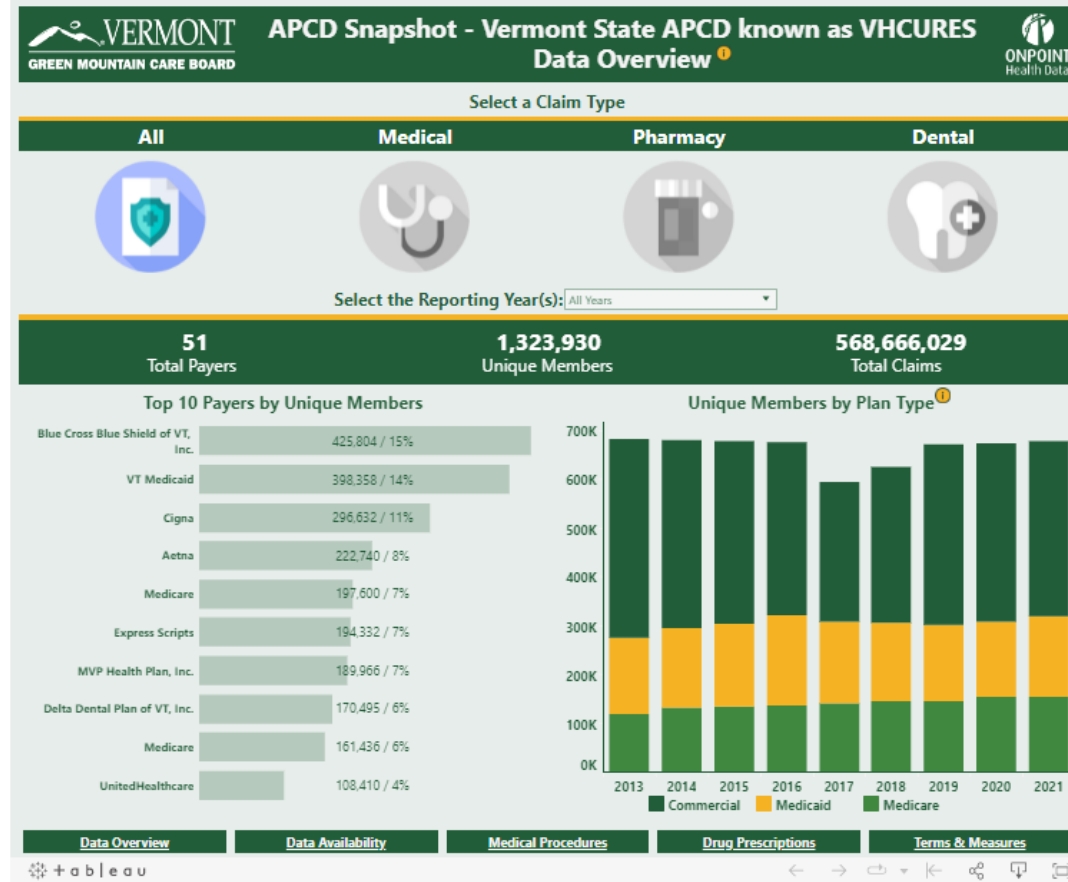
- Data and Analytics (VHCURES, VUHDDS and APM Analytics);
- Data Governance Council;
- Interactive datasets and analysis;
- Health Resource Allocation Plan (HRAP);
- Annual Expenditure Analysis;
- Annual Cost Shift Report; and
- Reports for legislature.
- [Health Service Wait Times Report](#)
- [Public Reports and Analyses](#)



GMCB - Data and Analytics

Vermont State APCD by [Onpoint Health Data](#)

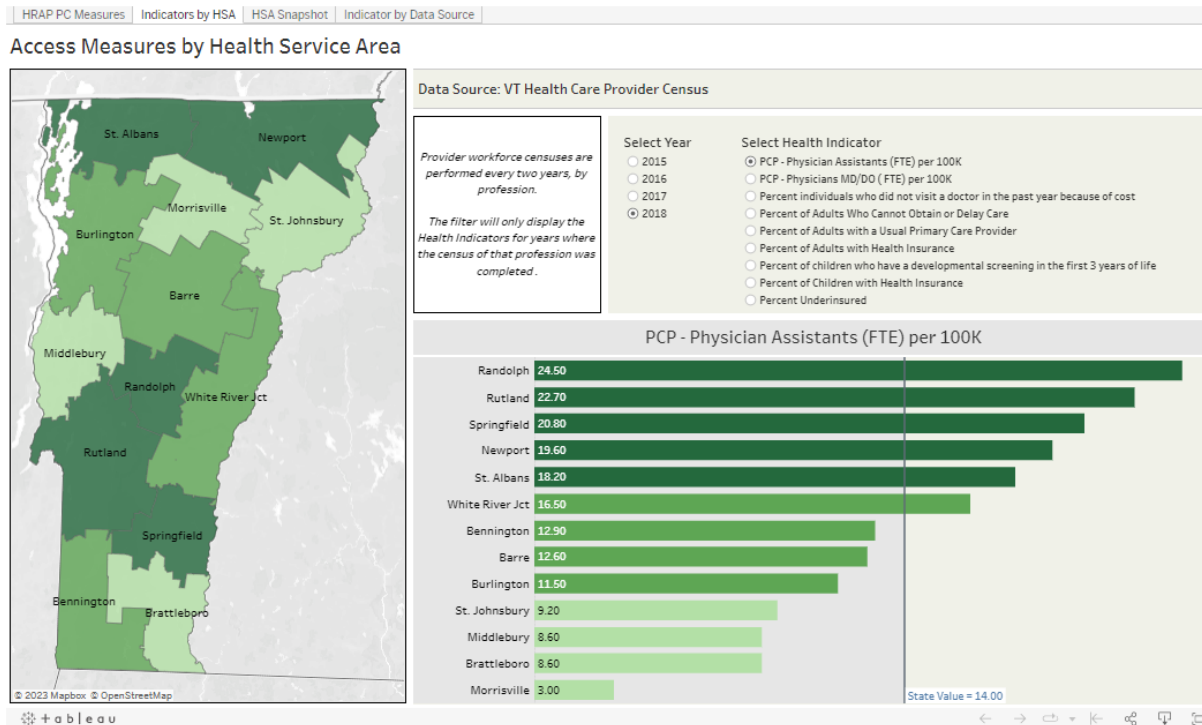
VHCURES Snapshot



<https://gmcbboard.vermont.gov/APCD-snapshot>

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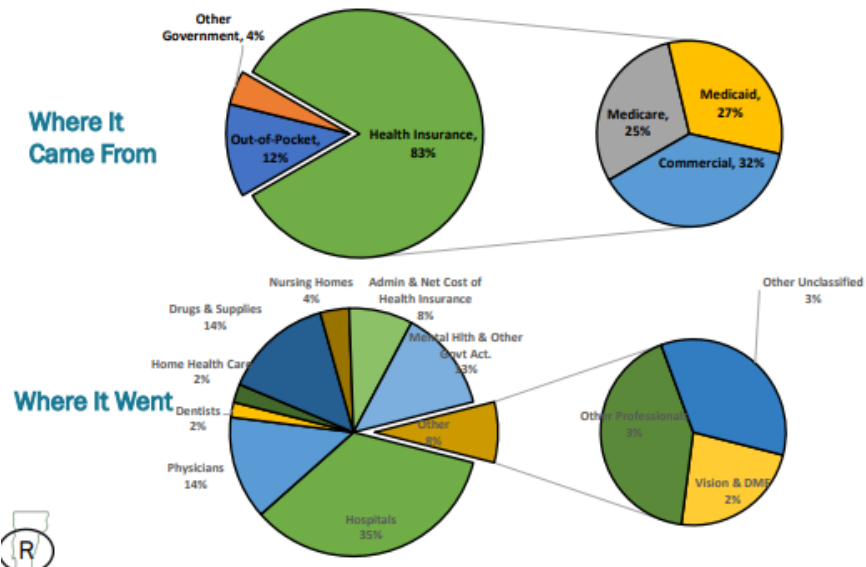
Health Resource Allocation Plan



<https://gmcboard.vermont.gov/health-resource-allocation-plan>

Expenditure Analysis

Vermont Resident Health Care Spending for 2020 - \$6.4 Billion



<https://gmcboard.vermont.gov/data/expenditure-analysis>

GMCB - INNOVATION

GMCB– Innovation



Innovation:

- Hospital Sustainability (Act 167)
- Vermont All-Payer Model Implementation and Reporting
- General, Primary Care, and Prescription Drug Advisory Groups



Hospital Sustainability – Act 167



- Act 167 is a significant focus for the GMCB in 2023
- GMCB’s focus on hospital sustainability pre-dates the COVID-19 pandemic

2019	GMCB Requires Hospital Sustainability Planning through its Hospital Budget Oversight <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rationale: persistently low and declining margins, Springfield bankruptcy, and rural hospital closures nationally; Rural Health Services Task Force.
2020	Legislature passes Act 159 of 2020 requiring GMCB to provide recommendations for improving hospital sustainability Rationale: Agreed with GMCB’s concerns and the need to improve hospital sustainability
2021	GMCB Report Identifies Recommendations in Act 159 Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GMCB Hospital Sustainability Report, Act 159 Section 4
2022	Legislature Passes Act 167 with Funding to Address Hospital Sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GMCB leading data-driven community engagement work, in collaboration with AHS

Resource: [Hospital Sustainability](#) page on GMCB website

GMCB – 2023 AREAS OF FOCUS

2023 Areas of Focus



Guided by Act 167 of 2022

- Hospital Sustainability
- Regulatory Process Refinement
 - Starting with Hospital Budget Review Process
- All-Payer Model (Collaborating with and supporting AHS as it leads negotiations with federal partners)

- Access to Primary Care (Primary Care Advisory Group)
- Affordability

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS AND RESOURCES

GMCB Resources

2023 Legislative Reports



Report	Due Date	Corresponding Statute or Legislation
Impact of Prescription Drug Costs on Health Insurance Premiums	January 1, 2023*	18 V.S.A. § 4636 (b) Act 193 of 2018, An act relating to prescription drug price transparency and cost containment, Sec. 8 (S.92)
GMCB 2022 Annual Report	January 15, 2023*	18 V.S.A. § 9375 (d)
2021 Vermont Health Care Expenditure Analysis	January 15, 2023* NOTE: The VHCEA is delayed yearly due to data availability and staff resources. This report is typically published in May.	18 V.S.A. § 9375a (b) (repealed) 18 V.S.A. § 9383 (a) (added in Act 167 of 2018, H. 912) Act 167 of 2018, An act relating to the health care regulatory duties of the GMCB (H.912)
Ambulatory Surgical Center Reporting (See GMCB 2022 Annual Report Attachment B)	January 15, 2023	18 V.S.A. § 9375 (b) Act 55 of 2019, An act relating to licensure of ambulatory surgical centers (S.73)
Update on Act 167 of 2022, Sections 1 and 2	January 15, 2023	Act 167 of 2022, An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services, Sec. 1 and 2 (S.285)
Cost Shift Impact (See Attachment A)	January 15, 2023*	18 V.S.A. § 9375 (d) Act 63 of 2019, An act relating to health insurance and the individual mandate, Sec. 10 (H.524)
Billback Report	September 15, 2023*	Act 79 of 2013, An act relating to health insurance, Medicaid, the Vermont Health Benefit Exchange, and the Green Mountain Care Board, Sec. 37c (H.107)

* Annual Reports

GMCB Resources



- Ways your constituents can connect with the GMCB:
 - [Public Board Meetings](#)
 - [Public Comment](#)
- Resources Shared Today:
 - [Regulatory Process Summaries](#)
 - [Public Reports and Analyses](#)
 - [Hospital Sustainability](#)

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