



Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

House Budget Accepts the Governor's Proposal to Cut DSH Payments to Hospitals by \$4.74 million (17%)

- All but one of Vermont's acute care hospitals receive DSH payments to help offset the cost of providing uncompensated care and low Medicaid reimbursement
- The current proposed cut comes on top of a 27% cut to DSH last year
- Uncompensated care has increased by 17% from 2016
- 1 in 4 Vermonters have Medicaid as their primary coverage
- Congress delayed Affordable Care Act's DSH cuts for 2 years

The House Budget Restores Half of the Primary Care Case Management Payment Cuts Proposed by the Governor

- The governor's proposed \$1.5 million cut to hospitals comes at a time when the state seeks to promote and incentivize primary care

The House Budget Restores the AHEC Loan Repayment Program Proposed for Elimination by the Governor

- As a valuable recruitment tool for hospitals, cutting it places them at a disadvantage nationally

The House Budget Accepts the Governor's Proposal to Cut State Cost Sharing Reductions

- This will likely increase the amount of uncompensated care provided by hospitals

The House Budget Reduces the Investment made in the Governor's Proposed Budget in Health Care Reform

- The Governor's proposed budget invests \$2.6 million in Delivery System Reform Payments, a fraction of the \$209 million reform dollars called for under the All Payer Model
- Hospitals are absorbing the cost of reform as they coordinate care across their communities, focusing on primary prevention for Vermonters
 - RiseVT
 - Accountable Health Communities
 - All Payer Model
 - Mental health coordination
- These initiatives are increasingly challenging in the face of cuts and limited investment.

Please support hospitals transform health care while continuing to provide high-quality services to Vermonters:

- **Restore Disproportionate Share Hospital Payments (DSH)**
- **Restore Primary Care Case Management Payments in full**
- **Accept House Proposal to Restore AHEC Loan Repayments**
- **Restore Cost-Sharing**
- **Maintain Delivery System Reform Investments**