

Introduction to the Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB)

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WHAT IS GMCB?

About Us

BOARD & LEADERSHIP

- Established in 2011
- 5 Board Members + Executive Director
- 6-Year Staggered Terms



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What is the Green Mountain Care Board?



Mission: Improve the health of Vermonters through a high-quality, accessible, affordable, and sustainable health care system.

What makes the Board unique?

Transparency

- Regulatory decisions are made in public, with data, evidence, and staff recommendations presented at fully noticed public meetings open to all.
- Meetings are videotaped by ORCA Media, with recordings available online.
- Engages stakeholders, including the Office of the Health Care Advocate, other State agencies, regulated entities, and the public to inform our work.

Independence

- Members are appointed to six-year terms, which may span gubernatorial administrations.

System-wide view

- Unique role in Vermont's health care system, regulating key industry players, driving reform efforts, and evaluating our health care system.
- Integrated regulatory approach enables GMCB to understand how regulatory decisions impact one another & to account for this cross-system impact.

The Role of GMCB

The **Green Mountain Care Board** is charged with reducing the rate of health care cost growth in Vermont while ensuring that the State of Vermont maintains a high quality, accessible health care system.

Health insurer rate review (including the Exchange)
Hospital Budgets
ACO Budgets
VITL Budget
Major capital expenditures (Certificate of Need)
Health Resource Allocation Plan (HRAP)
Hospital Sustainability Planning
Implementation of APM
ACO Oversight, Certification, Rule 5.0 (Act 113)
Review/modify/approve plan designs for VT Health Connect
Data and Analytics (VHCURES, VUHDDS and APM Analytics)
Rural Health Services Task Force (Act 26)
Rx & Primary Care Advisory Groups
General Advisory Group
Data Governance Council
Annual Expenditure Analysis
Annual Cost Shift Report
Approve State HIT and Health Care Workforce Plans
Prescription Drug Transparency

Our System-Wide Focus



Oversee innovative reforms that seek to improve quality of and access to care



Contain Vermont's health care cost growth



Improve Vermont's ability to collect and evaluate health care data



Promote transparency and understanding

HOW GMCB HELPS VERMONTERS

Overseeing Innovative Reforms

The All-Payer Model helps connect Vermonters to the right care at the right time, by:

- Changing the way health care is delivered and paid for
- Giving health care providers the flexibility to provide services that weren't previously billable
- Holding payers and providers mutually accountable for the quality and cost of care they provide

Containing Health Care Cost Growth

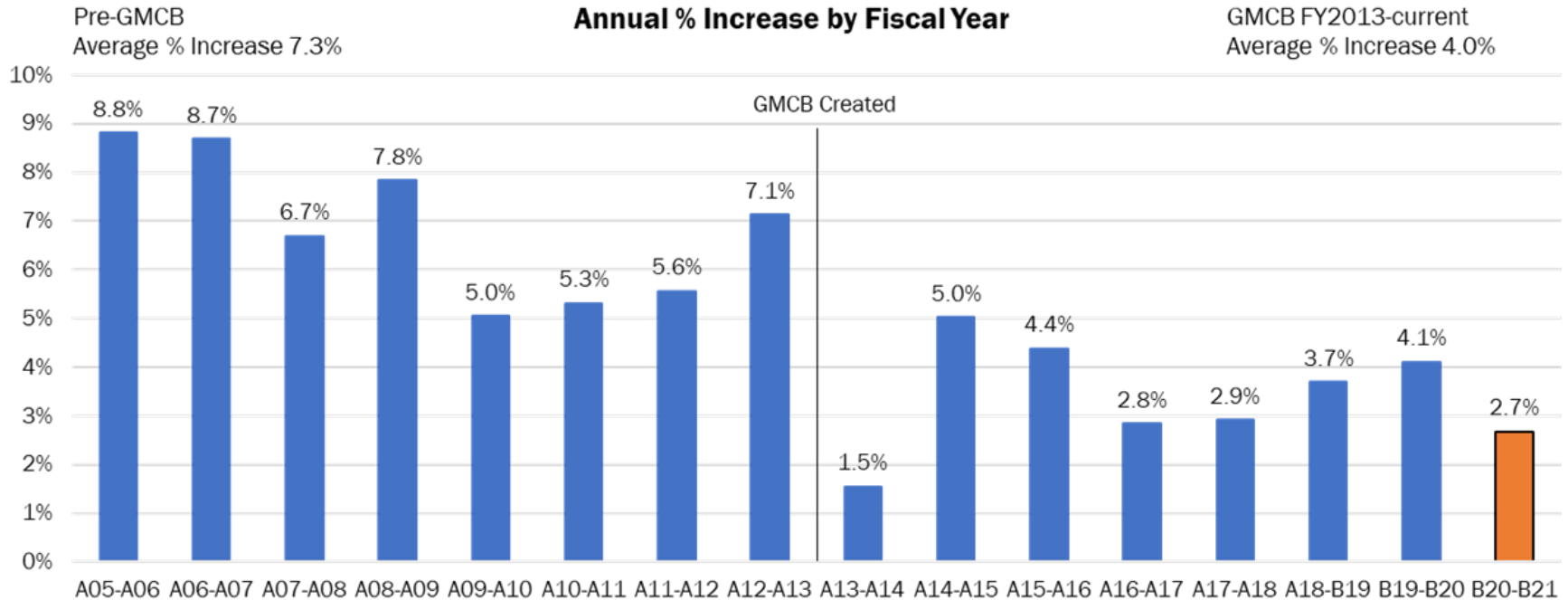
GMCB's regulatory duties include health insurance premium rate review, hospital budget review, Certificate of Need, and oversight of accountable care organizations.



- From 2013 to 2019, GMCB's health insurance premium rate review process saved Vermonters approximately \$108 million
- GMCB's hospital budget review reduced average yearly hospital spending growth from an average of 7.3% from 2005-2013, to an average of 4.0% (see next slide)

GMCB Impact: Hospital Net Patient Revenue Growth

**All Vermont Community Hospitals
Net Patient Revenue
Annual % Increase by Fiscal Year**



Notes:
 A = Actual
 B = Budget
 GMCB assumed responsibility for reviewing and approving hospital budgets in FY2013
 Results for FY2001-2011 were adjusted to reflect bad debt reporting change in FY2012

Improving Health Care Data Collection



GMCB evaluates data from across the state's health care system to identify trends and learn:

- How Vermonters are accessing care and the quality of care they're receiving
- What drives health care spending
- The effectiveness of reform efforts
- Pursuing funding to update rule to improve collection of race/ ethnicity data

Promoting Transparency and Understanding of the Vermont Health System

- Regulatory responsibilities and stakeholder feedback inform system-wide approach
- Public meetings ensure accountability and access to information: <https://gmcboard.vermont.gov/calendar>
- GMCB continuously accepts public comments here: <https://gmcboard.vermont.gov/board/comment>



HOW GMCB SUPPORTS STATE AGENCIES AND THE LEGISLATURE



Reports and Analysis

GMCB provides the General Assembly regular reports to answer questions and provide information about:

- All-Payer Model implementation and oversight
- Health care spending (see Primary Care Spend Report, annual Vermont Health Care Expenditure Analysis)
- Data on health care quality and access
- Providing research and recommendations on potential policy options (e.g., Rural Health Services Task Force Report, forthcoming Provider Sustainability and Reimbursements Report)



Convene Stakeholders and Collect Feedback

- GMCB also leads efforts to engage key stakeholders to gather information and provide feedback that can inform the legislature on issues like:
 - Primary care
 - Rural health services
 - Health care workforce
 - Health reform planning and progress
 - Prescription drug prices



GMCB Priorities in 2021



- 1. ACO Oversight, All-Payer Model (APM) Implementation and APM 2.0 Planning & Engagement:** Moving health care to value and away from volume by focusing on meeting the goals of the APM Agreement while exercising robust ACO Oversight. Transparent, in-house benchmarking. Ensuring the ACO adds more value to the system than its cost.
- 2. Regulatory Integration:** Linking health insurance rate review, hospital budget review, Certificate of Need, and ACO certification and budget review to support the APM and overall goals.
- 3. Transparency, Data & VHCURES 3.0:** Expand access to and the usability of health care data resources.
- 4. HRAP:** Act 167 of 2018 amended the requirements for the Health Resource Allocation Plan (HRAP). GMCB continues to assemble the HRAP as a series of dynamic reports to support and improve regulatory decision-making process.
- 5. Health Care Workforce:** Work with educators, health care providers, and state and community organizations to discuss opportunities to address Vermont's health care workforce challenges.
- 6. Hospital Sustainability:** Working with Vermont's 14 hospitals on future sustainability plans.

Resources

- [GMCB Website](#)
- [GMCB Overview](#)
- [2020 Annual Report](#)
- [Legislative Reports](#)
- [GMCB Regulatory Process Explainers:](#)
 - [Health Insurance Premium Rate Review](#)
 - [Hospital Budget Review](#)
 - [ACO Oversight](#)
- [GMCB All-Payer Model Webpage](#)
 - [APM Update \(June 2020\)](#)