

All Vermont Acute Care Community Hospitals

Table 7 - Cost Shift - Actual 2014

A hospital incurs costs to provide services to their patients. All patients, regardless of their ability to pay, are billed the same amount for the same service. Sometimes the payment received by the hospital is less than cost for the services provided. This includes payments from uninsured, Medicare, and Medicaid patients. When the payment doesn't cover the cost to provide those services, this unreimbursed cost is passed on to other payers; this is the "cost shift". The ability to cost shift helps the hospital recover funds it would not otherwise receive in order to maintain its financial health.

Cost Shifted by Payer Type				
Hospital	Total Payments under Cost	Medicaid Payments under Cost	Medicare Payments under Cost	Uncompensated (non-payment) Cost of Care
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	\$16,592,305	\$7,569,155	\$5,606,368	\$3,416,782
Central Vermont Hospital	\$22,619,876	\$9,794,354	\$8,171,803	\$4,653,720
Copley Hospital	\$11,411,333	\$6,525,383	\$2,872,312	\$2,013,639
Gifford Medical Center	\$7,556,703	\$4,874,077	\$711,286	\$1,971,340
Grace Cottage Hospital	\$480,043	\$1,560,888	(\$1,718,067)	\$637,222
Mount Ascutney Hospital	\$2,980,196	\$3,012,078	(\$1,172,905)	\$1,141,023
North Country Hospital	\$12,038,111	\$7,698,431	\$2,145,750	\$2,193,930
Northeastern VT Regional Hospital	\$11,952,943	\$5,722,799	\$3,741,247	\$2,488,897
Northwestern Medical Center	\$13,849,345	\$6,997,207	\$3,484,386	\$3,367,752
Porter Medical Center	\$10,469,680	\$6,122,882	\$2,560,950	\$1,785,848
Rutland Regional Medical Center	\$52,398,830	\$17,712,567	\$29,825,063	\$4,861,201
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	\$24,839,076	\$10,529,521	\$10,597,277	\$3,712,278
Springfield Hospital	\$8,897,045	\$3,975,797	\$1,533,099	\$3,388,148
The University of Vermont Medical Center	\$162,101,723	\$56,229,343	\$87,244,603	\$18,627,777
SYSTEM	\$ 358,187,208	\$ 148,324,479	\$ 155,603,171	\$54,259,558

This table shows the amount of underpayments (compared to cost) by Medicare, Medicaid, and Uncompensated Care (free care and bad debt expenses). The left column shows the total of these underpayments and is the amount that is shifted to other payers. This total is the cost shift.