

All Vermont Acute Care Community Hospitals

Cost Shift - Actual 2005

A hospital incurs costs to provide services to their patients. All patients, regardless of their ability to pay, are billed the same price 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 maintain its financial health.

Cost Shifted by Payer Type				
Hospital	Total	Medicare	Medicaid	Uncompensated Care
Brattleboro Memorial Hospital	\$6,448,600	\$3,421,001	\$1,439,844	\$1,587,755
Central Vermont Hospital	\$11,665,568	\$7,072,878	\$2,086,577	\$2,506,113
Copley Hospital	\$6,228,343	\$1,837,028	\$2,273,886	\$2,117,428
Fletcher Allen Health Care	\$54,177,736	\$3,891,118	\$32,544,673	\$17,741,945
Gifford Memorial Hospital	\$3,587,693	\$1,692,969	\$786,911	\$1,107,812
Grace Cottage Hospital	\$404,351	\$0	\$200,562	\$203,789
Mount Ascutney Hospital	\$1,320,130	\$426,952	\$173,036	\$720,143
North Country Hospital	\$7,549,458	\$2,239,618	\$3,556,948	\$1,752,892
Northeastern VT Regional Hospital	\$5,366,837	\$1,331,334	\$2,884,568	\$1,150,936
Northwestern Medical Center	\$6,870,791	\$1,516,072	\$3,117,122	\$2,237,598
Porter Medical Center	\$5,996,148	\$3,407,953	\$1,231,558	\$1,356,637
Rutland Regional Medical Center	\$25,548,965	\$17,712,159	\$4,206,886	\$3,629,920
Southwestern Vermont Medical Center	\$14,317,390	\$8,684,929	\$3,088,631	\$2,543,830
Springfield Hospital	\$5,423,264	\$3,183,826	\$60,534	\$2,178,904
SYSTEM	\$154,905,274	\$56,417,835	\$57,651,736	\$40,835,702
MEDIAN	\$6,338,471	\$2,711,722	\$2,180,232	\$1,935,160

This table shows the discounts to total hospital billings by Medicare, Medicaid, and Uncompensated Care. The left column shows the total of these discounts and is the amount of costs which is shifted to others who pay. This total is the cost shift.

A zero in the above table means there is no cost shift for that particular hospital payer. Zero values in a given year are related to unique reimbursement programs for those hospitals.