



More Affordable Outpatient Care at Select Sites in Vermont

In our October 27th [email regarding VEHI's proposed FY27 Rate renewal](#), we highlighted critical actions in 2025 by the Vermont Legislature and Green Mountain Care Board to reduce healthcare prices and costs. Of VEHI's projected reduction in spending in FY27 of \$40 million, **\$25 million** is directly attributable to the Rx price-capping work of legislators and the recent hospital budget decisions by state regulators.

Additional rate-setting, oversight, and accountability reforms are scheduled for implementation in FY27 and beyond, and they cannot come too soon. Vermonters now spend **19.6% of their income on healthcare**, compared to the national average of just **7.9%**. That's the highest in the country (based on data from the U.S. Census Bureau and Kaiser Family Foundation and published in a July 2025 WalletHub report).

More affordable, high-quality care centers are emerging in Vermont

Most of us have no idea what services cost at hospitals in Vermont (or elsewhere) and finding out is complicated and frustrating. To make matters worse, hospital prices for identical services vary wildly across Vermont facilities and regions, with no discernible rhyme or reason. Consider these comparisons of local costs produced by Blue Cross of Vermont (current as of Oct. 1, 2025):

As of October 1, 2025	UVMMC	Dartmouth	Northwestern Medical Center	Independent Facilities
MRI (outpatient + professional)	\$6,520	\$4,884	\$2,785	\$1,799
Colonoscopy (outpatient + professional)	\$5,609	\$3,626	\$2,062	\$1,865
Laboratory (outpatient OR professional)	\$117	\$98	\$60	\$18
Vaginal Delivery (inpatient facility cost only)	\$17,373	\$12,471	\$5,150	\$2,870

Fortunately, there are less expensive care sites operating in some parts of Vermont. Blue Cross of Vermont has launched a public-education campaign to expand awareness of them and to

encourage utilization of their services. We share the information below. It is useful for all VEHI patients, but of greatest relevance most likely to subscribers/patients who live in Central Vermont, Chittenden County, or other areas within a reasonable drive to the facilities.

If these locations below are convenient and can meet your medical and personal needs, talk to your doctor about getting care from their providers:

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Northwestern Medical Center

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Address:

33 Fairfield Street
St. Albans, Vermont 05478

Phone: 800.696.0321 (Vermont toll free)
802.524.5911

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