

TO: Senator Jane Kitchel, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee  
 FROM: Mark Larson, Commissioner   
 DATE: February 2, 2015  
 RE: Responses to Questions Posed During January 23, 2015 Testimony

During DVHA's budget adjustment testimony to the Senate Appropriations Committee on January 23, you requested additional information on the items detailed below. If any additional clarification is required, please do not hesitate to contact me.

1. How many DVHA employees are assigned to work on Vermont Health Connect; and
2. How many total employees support the Vermont Health Connect?

As of January 1, 2015:

Department	FTE	Fund Source
DVHA	26	Grants
	29	VHC Inter-Departmental Transfer (IDT)
DII	6.75	VHC IDT
DFR	2	Grants
AHS HSB	3	VHC IDT
DCF	92	VHC IDT

<b>TOTAL</b>	158.75
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3. It appears that, while most Medicaid Eligibility Groups are showing a decrease in p.m.p.m., Blind and Disabled Children have a rather significant increase. Can you please explain?

The SFY '15 budget is built utilizing actuals through SFY '13, and then projected out based on new caseload and utilization estimates. The BAA is then updated to incorporate true experience through SFY '14. In comparing SFY '14 estimates to actuals and extrapolating that out for SFY '15, the following areas show substantial growth:

Description	15 Gov Rec	15 BAA	Variance
	pmpm	pmpm	
Inpatient	\$ 154.87	\$ 224.41	\$ 69.54
Physician	\$ 69.10	\$ 70.55	\$ 1.44
Skilled Nursing	\$ 22.18	\$ 22.71	\$ 0.53
Psychologist	\$ 23.59	\$ 26.24	\$ 2.65
DME	\$ 22.64	\$ 25.66	\$ 3.02
Personal Care Services	\$ 201.17	\$ 228.12	\$ 26.95

4. What is the proposed payment methodology for the Bennington Opiate Care Alliance?  
 The payment methodology is still under development. DVHA and VDH are working with the Bennington providers to develop a methodology that – if proven successful – could be considered for replication across the state.