

STATE OF VERMONT
GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD

In re: MVP Health Plan, Inc.)	
2025 Small Group and Individual Group)	DOCKET NOS. GMCB-005-24rr
Vermont Health Connect Rate Filing)	GMCB-006-24rr
)	
SERFF Nos. MVPH-134081005)	
MVPH-134081032)	

**MVP’S JULY 16, 2024 SUPPLEMENTAL PRE-FILED TESTIMONY OF
ERIC BACHNER RE NOTICE OF DISAGREEMENT**

1 **Q1: Please state your name and employer for the record.**

2 A1: Eric Bachner, I work for MVP Health Care.

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4 **Q2: What is your position at MVP?**

5 A2: Director, Commercial Market & Valuation Actuary.

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7 **Q3: Please refer to page 17 of Lewis & Ellis’s July 12, 2024 Small Group Actuarial**
8 **Memorandum, and the five recommendation bullets on those pages, and indicate**
9 **whether MVP agrees or disagrees with the recommendations.**

10 A3: As to Bullet #1, MVP agrees with L&E’s recommendation to correctly reflect the
11 2024 approved budget for Brattleboro Retreat in the filing.

12 As to Bullet #2, MVP agrees with L&E’s recommendation to consider hospital
13 budget information as it is submitted.

14 As to Bullet #3, MVP agrees to L&E’s recommendation to increase the rates in
15 accordance with the average annual pharmacy trend assumption, resulting in a 1.4%
16 increase.

1 As to Bullet #4, MVP agrees that Vermont House Bill H.766 requires an adjustment
2 which results in an increase to the 2025 premium rates of 0.8%.

3 As to Bullet #5, MVP agrees that the risk adjustment receivable should reflect the
4 final market-wide figure announced by CMS and the market-specific risk transfers as
5 calculated by L&E, resulting in a rate decrease of approximately 0.2%.

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7 **Q4: Please refer to page 19 of Lewis & Ellis’s July 12, 2023 Individual Actuarial**
8 **Memorandum, and the five recommendation bullets on those pages, and indicate**
9 **whether MVP agrees or disagrees with the recommendations.**

10 A4: As to Bullet #1, MVP agrees with L&E’s recommendation to correctly reflect the
11 2024 approved budget for Brattleboro Retreat in the filing.

12 As to Bullet #2, agrees with L&E’s recommendation to consider hospital budget
13 information as it is submitted.

14 As to Bullet #3, MVP agrees to L&E’s recommendation to increase the rates by
15 approximately 1.2% in accordance with the average annual 13.1% pharmacy trend
16 assumption.

17 As to Bullet #4, MVP agrees that Vermont House Bill H.766 requires an adjustment
18 which results in an increase to the 2025 premium rates of 0.9%.

19 As to Bullet #5, MVP agrees that the risk adjustment receivable should reflect the
20 final market-wide figure announced by CMS and the market-specific risk transfers as
21 calculated by L&E, resulting in a rate increase of approximately 0.8%.

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1 **Q5: In light of MVP’s acceptance of L&E’s recommendations for Bullet #1**
2 **(Brattleboro Retreat Budget Increase Correction), Bullet #2 (Updated Hospital**
3 **Budget Information), Bullet #3 (Rx Trend), Bullet #4 (Impact of House Bill H.766)**
4 **and Bullet #5 (Updated Risk Adjustment Transfers) in L&E’s July 12, 2024 Small**
5 **Group Actuarial Memorandum, and L&E’s Bullet #1 (Brattleboro Retreat Budget**
6 **Increase Correction), Bullet #2 (Updated Hospital Budget Information), Bullet #3 (Rx**
7 **Trend), Bullet #4 (Impact of House Bill H.766) and Bullet #5 (Updated Risk**
8 **Adjustment Transfers) in L&E’s July 12, 2024 Individual Actuarial Memorandum**
9 **what is the average rate increase MVP now requests for its Small Group and**
10 **Individual Filings?**

11 A5: MVP’s requested average rate increase for the Individual filing of 11.7% is
12 increased by 2.9%, for a modified total average rate increase request of 14.9% by MVP.
13 MVP’s requested average rate increase for the Small Group filing of 9.3% is increased by
14 2.0%, for a modified total average rate increase request of 11.5% by MVP.