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Like so many area residents, I've been concerned about news of the financial struggles Brattleboro Memorial Hospital is experiencing.

I worked at the executive level at BMH for many years, until 2012. My faith in the quality of care continues. BMH is full of competent and caring physicians, nurses, and support and technical staff.

11 But like many rural hospitals, BMH is facing increasing  
12 financial challenges. One of the worst things that can happen is  
13 people going elsewhere for care in the face of the challenges.

14 It is vital that we continue to use BMH doctors and  
15 advanced practitioners and that we get our lab work, radiology  
16 services, surgery, etc. at BMH. The hospital needs the community,  
17 and the Brattleboro area cannot thrive without BMH.

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