

Current Standards for Hospital and Non-Hospital Space

(7) Construction Cost of Hospital Space.

The proposed cost of a hospital construction project shall be reasonable and consistent with current industry cost experience in Maryland. The projected cost per square foot of a hospital construction project or renovation project shall be compared to the benchmark cost of good quality Class A hospital construction given in the Marshall Valuation Service® guide, updated using Marshall Valuation Service® update multipliers, and adjusted as shown in the Marshall Valuation Service® guide as necessary for site terrain, number of building levels, geographic locality, and other listed factors. If the projected cost per square foot exceeds the Marshall Valuation Service® benchmark cost, any rate increase proposed by the hospital related to the capital cost of the project shall not include the amount of the projected construction cost that exceeds the Marshall Valuation Service® benchmark and those portions of the contingency allowance, inflation allowance, and capitalized construction interest expenditure that are based on the excess construction cost.

(8) Construction Cost of Non-Hospital Space.

The proposed construction costs of non-hospital space shall be reasonable and in line with current industry cost experience. The projected cost per square foot of non-hospital space shall be compared to the benchmark cost of good quality Class A construction given in the Marshall Valuation Service® guide for the appropriate structure. If the projected cost per square foot exceeds the Marshall Valuation Service® benchmark cost, any rate increase proposed by the hospital related to the capital cost of the non-hospital space shall not include

the amount of the projected construction cost that exceeds the Marshall Valuation Service® benchmark and those portions of the contingency allowance, inflation allowance, and capitalized construction interest expenditure that are based on the excess construction cost. In general, rate increases authorized for hospitals should not recognize the costs associated with construction of non-hospital space.