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VIA EMAIL/USPO

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Re: #16-043 - Rush Oak Park Hospital, Inc.

Mr Axel:

We have reviewed the information submitted in the application for permit and we need clarification of the following:

1. We need an explanation what is considered a "visit" to the emergency department by the hospital.
2. We need an explanation of why the hospital emergency department is classified as basic rather than comprehensive. Are there any plans to be classified as a comprehensive emergency department?
3. We need an explanation of how the costs were allocated between reviewable and non reviewable categories.
4. We need to know the conversion factor used to convert from DGSF to BGSF and how the total costs were calculated.
5. We need a further explanation for the growth in the emergency department visits at Rush Oak Park Hospital. From our review of the Hospital Profile information for the years 2011 thru 2015 this type of growth is not being experienced in other areas of the State. See Table below.

Growth in the Emergency Department Visits
CY 2011-2015 (1)

Areas	2011		2015		Compounded Annual Increase	
	Stations	Visits	Stations	Visits	Stations	Visits
State of Illinois	3,022	5,293,009	3,263	5,453,974	1.55%	0.60%
HSAVI	692	1,164,090	750	1,174,356	1.62%	0.18%
HSAVII	742	1,304,541	820	1,385,177	2.02%	1.21%
Hospital Planning A-06	102	236,878	104	240,204	0.39%	0.28%
Rush Oak Park Hospital	17	24,604	17	32,480	NA	5.71%

1. Information taken from Hospital Survey Data for CY2011 and CY 2015

Sincerely,

Mike Constantino

Mike Constantino, Project Reviewer