

(iii) Acquisition of business or office equipment that is not directly related to patient care;

(iv) Capital expenditures to the extent that they are directly related to the acquisition and installation of major medical equipment; [or]

(v) A capital expenditure made as part of a consolidation or merger of 2 or more health care facilities, or conversion of a health care facility or part of a facility to a nonhealth-related use if:

1. At least 45 days before an expenditure is made, written notice of intent is filed with the Commission;

2. Within 45 days of receiving notice, the Commission in its sole discretion finds that the proposed consolidation, merger, or conversion:

A. Is not inconsistent with the State health plan or the institution-specific plan developed by the Commission as appropriate;

B. Will result in the delivery of more efficient and effective health care services; and

C. Is in the public interest; and

3. Within 45 days of receiving notice, the Commission shall notify the health care facility of its finding; OR

(VI) A CAPITAL EXPENDITURE BY A HOSPITAL, AS DEFINED IN § 19-301 OF THIS TITLE, FOR EQUIPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, OR RENOVATION THAT:

1. IS NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO PATIENT CARE; AND

2. DOES NOT INCREASE PATIENT CHARGES OR HOSPITAL RATES.

(6) PARAGRAPH (5)(VI) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PERMIT A FACILITY TO OFFER A NEW PATIENT CARE SERVICE FOR WHICH A CERTIFICATE OF NEED IS OTHERWISE REQUIRED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

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