

Maryland Health Services Cost Review Commission

Payment Models Work Group Population and Demographic Adjustment

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Population Growth

- State-wide all-payer per capita limit is based on unadjusted population growth (0.7%)
- Variation in hospital use by different population segments
 - Age
 - Sex
 - Others
- Hospital budget caps (GBR, TPR) needs updated to reflect changes in demographics



Allowed Volume Increase in Global Budget due to Population Growth

Demographic Changes (Aging) Efficiency Adjustments (Potentially Avoidable Utilization)

Hospital
Population
Growth

Allowed Volume Increase Variable Cost Factor Policy (VCF)



Considerations for the Subgroup

- Age cohorts (0-14, 15-64, 65-74,75-84, 85+)
- Additional demographic factors (Sex)
- Application of efficiency (PAU adjustments)
- Calculation of hospital population growth
 - Virtual Patient Service Area (VPSA)
 - Equivalent Case Mix Adjusted Discharges (ECMADS)

