Update Performance Review:

The Department of Health and Human Resources, Jackie Withrow Hospital.

Jackie Withrow Hospital has decreased its annual patient cost since 2013, however, its expenditures and maintenance costs remain high. Also, Jackie Withrow Hospital is compliant with ADA requirements.

What PERD found:

➢ In February 2013, PERD reported that the Jackie Withrow Hospital, located in Beckley, West Virginia, had the highest cost-per-patient and operational costs of the four state-run long-term healthcare facilities. In 2018 Jackie Withrow Hospital had the third highest cost-per-patient at $109,597 and the highest overall expenditures at $8,637,706 for FY 2018.

➢ Contributing factors to the higher costs are that the size of the building far exceeds its current use and the age of the building needs many costly repairs and upgrades. The facility was built in the 1930s for a capacity of 655 beds. However, the facility currently serves between 79 and 91 patients at any one time.

➢ As in 2013, the estimate to build a new, appropriately-sized facility to replace the Jackie Withrow Hospital would be less costly than the estimated cost to completely repair the facility. In addition, the costs for building a new size-appropriate facility would be offset in the long-run by the cost-savings realized by the decrease in operational and maintenance costs.

➢ The most recent CMS survey of Jackie Withrow Hospital, dated October 2, 2019, indicated that the facility is in compliance with ADA requirements.