

**Valley County Health System  
New Hospital Project  
Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q:** *Why can't the current facility be renovated?*

**A:** We have determined that renovation and expansion of the current facility to meet our needs would actually cost as much or more than building a completely new facility. Hospital renovation means building around supports and other structure impediments. In addition, off site construction eliminates disruption of services and day-to-day operations. Finally, renovation means complying with the same building codes that are applicable during new construction. That leads to large expenses in renovating and modernizing existing infrastructure.

**Q:** **Besides housing the nursing home, how will the current facility be used?**

**A:** First of all, the nursing home, Valley View Living Center, will be expanded to regain space that has been lost in recent years due to new and expanded services. During the two-year period of construction, we will solicit input from the community as to the best and most practical use of the old hospital. Some options include renting out portions for a variety of public and private office uses. Home health will probably be headquartered in the current facility. We may use the current physical therapy space for a community fitness and wellness center. Daycare for seniors is another important consideration. The current hospital will not be a financial burden and it will not be demolished. Rentals will provide a revenue source.

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