

ANNE ARUNDEL MEDICAL CENTER \* MARYLAND  
PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE \* HEALTH CARE COMMISSION  
TYPE AND SCOPE OF \*  
HEALTH CARE SERVICES OFFERED \* DOCKET NO.: 15-02-2360  
TO INCLUDE CARDIAC SURGERY \*

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**AFFIDAVIT OF STAFFORD WARREN, M.D. IN SUPPORT OF  
ANNE ARUNDEL MEDICAL CENTER  
RESPONSE TO INTERESTED PARTY COMMENTS**

I, Stafford Warren, M.D., being over 18 years of age and competent to testify as to the matters set forth herein, state as follows:

1. I am a board-certified physician specializing in interventional cardiology, and a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. I am licensed to practice medicine in the State of Maryland.

2. I am currently the Vice Chair for the Cardiac Surgery Advisory Committee of the MHCC.

3. I am on the medical staff of Anne Arundel Medical Center (“AAMC”). I often treat AAMC inpatients who have been admitted for cardiac-related illness.

4. On December 8, 2014, I performed an emergent cardiac catheterization upon AAMC patient [REDACTED] (“Patient 2”).

5. Immediately following the procedure, I contacted Dr. Jennifer Ellis, a senior cardiac surgeon at Washington Hospital Center (“WHC”), to arrange for the transfer of Patient 2

to WHC. Over the phone, Dr. Ellis initially accepted the patient for transfer to WHC for cardiac surgery.

6. Fifteen minutes later, after Dr. Ellis accepted the patient, she called me back to apologize and explain that WHC hospital center would not take the patient due to the patient's insurance status.

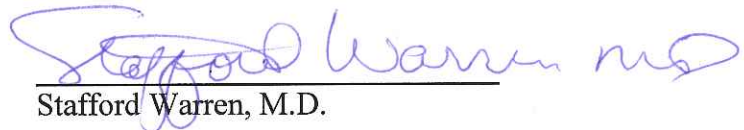
7. I then immediately called a surgeon at the University of Maryland Medical Center, who accepted Patient 2 for transfer. Transport did not arrive until about 90 minutes afterward. The length of this delay is not acceptable in the type of emergency situation faced by Patient 2.

8. This case demonstrates serious problems with transport delays as well as access to cardiac surgery (as some hospitals seem to pick and choose what transfers they would accept based on patient insurance or ability to pay).

9. I believe an AAMC cardiac surgery program would address the above issues.

I SOLEMNLY DECLARE UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY AND UPON PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE THAT THE FOREGOING AFFIDAVIT IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Executed on August 21, 2015 in Anne Arundel County, Maryland.

  
Stafford Warren, M.D.