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**Re: Anne Arundel Medical Center Proposal to
Change the Type and Scope of Health Care
Services Offered to Include Cardiac Surgery –
Matter No. 15-02-2360**

VIA E-MAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

Dear Ms. Widerlite:

Staff of the Maryland Health Care Commission (“MHCC”) has reviewed the responses to our March 10 completeness questions, and have several follow-up questions. Please respond to this request, following the rules at COMAR 10.24.01.07. The application will be docketed if the response is complete.

1. Question 1 in the March 10 letter inquired about the zip codes that the application referenced as being in “HSCRC’s GBR-defined service area.” Your response listed the zip codes as requested. However, HSCRC does not seem to be aware of *assigning* a “GBR-defined service area.” Please define what you mean by “HSCRC’s GBR-defined service area.”
2. With reference to the charity care standard, documentation of the statement “AAMC’s patient population (is) relatively more affluent when compared to median incomes for Maryland” should be provided.
3. Your response to question 7 states that: “AAMC documented the number of cardiac surgery cases that affiliated cardiologists generated in FY2014” and references Chart

8(a) as well as letters from potentially-referring cardiologists who “estimate that I refer approximately ___ patients for cardiac surgery each year.”

- a) Are these letters with their approximate estimates the documentation referred to in this response?
- b) If feasible, it would be much stronger documentation if the referral numbers were confirmed by these physicians’ practices. Staff also notes, however, that AAMC has provided other forms of need projections, and will not insist on a further response to part b) of this question; response is left to the applicant’s discretion.

Please submit six copies of the responses to completeness questions and the additional information requested in this letter within ten working days of receipt. Also submit the response electronically, in both Word and PDF format, to Ruby Potter (ruby.potter@maryland.gov).

All information supplementing the applicant must be signed by person(s) available for cross-examination on the facts set forth in the supplementary information, who shall sign a statement as follows: “I hereby declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that the facts stated in this application and its attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.”

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, feel free to contact me at (410) 764-5982.

Sincerely,



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