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Re: Ruling on Requests for Evidentiary Hearing  
Baltimore Upper Shore Cardiac Surgery Review  
Anne Arundel Medical Center (Docket No. 15-02-2360)  
University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center  
(Docket No. 15-02-2361)

Dear Counsel and Dr. Chan:

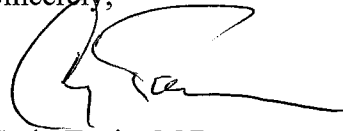
I have considered the requests for evidentiary hearing filed by University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center (“BWMC”), the joint request filed by MedStar Union Memorial Hospital and MedStar Washington Hospital Center, as well as the filing by Anne Arundel Medical Center (“AAMC”). Based upon my extensive evaluation of the applications and the record in this review, I have concluded that, at this time, an evidentiary hearing would not be helpful. For that reason, I deny the requests for an evidentiary hearing. If I later determine that an evidentiary hearing would be useful, I can issue such a ruling *sua sponte*.

AAMC recently inquired about the status of this comparative review. As you know, I have asked the Health Services Cost Review Commission (“HSCRC”) to review financial projections made by AAMC and by BWMC and to assess specific issues raised by the applications. I have requested that, if possible, HSCRC provide its assessment by August 5, 2016. I anticipate that my Recommended Decision will be considered by the Commission this fall and will be released to the parties approximately one month prior to Commission action.

In its July 14 letter, AAMC stated that, by July 29, it intended to respond to Dimensions Health System’s June 24, 2016 motion to supplement comments on AAMC’s application. It asked if this were acceptable. While I will agree to this filing date for AAMC’s response, going forward in this review, a response to a motion should be filed within ten business days of the filing of motion to which response is made. The movant may file a reply, but no additional filings (such as a response to the reply) may be made without my permission.

I remind the parties that the ex parte prohibitions in the Administrative Procedure Act, Maryland Code Ann., State Gov’t §10-219, apply to this proceeding until the Commission issues a final decision.

Sincerely,



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