



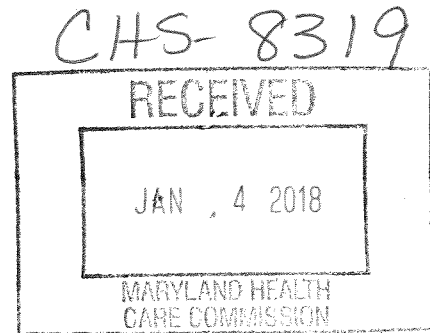
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January 4, 2018

**VIA EMAIL AND FIRST CLASS MAIL**

Mr. Paul Parker  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215



Re: Certificate of Need Application for  
University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Campus Behavioral Health Pavilion

Dear Mr. Parker:

LifeBridge Health, Inc. is the parent of Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, located in Baltimore City; Northwest Hospital Center, located in Baltimore County; and Carroll Hospital Center, located in Carroll County. Each of those hospitals offers inpatient psychiatry services with the Central Maryland planning region. As such, pursuant to COMAR 10.24.01.01B(20) and 10.24.01.01B(2)(a), each of those hospitals qualifies as an interested party in regard to the application for a certificate of need submitted by University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health System, Inc. for the creation of the University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Campus Behavioral Health Pavilion in Harford County. On behalf of Sinai Hospital of Baltimore, Northwest Hospital Center, and Carroll Hospital Center, LifeBridge Health hereby requests designation as an interested party in this matter.

LifeBridge Health does not fundamentally oppose the proposed project at this time. We do, however, believe that some of the volume projections presented by the applicant are likely to be inaccurate, and, as such, we believe that the size and scope of the project will likely need to be reconsidered. We hope to have an opportunity to discuss these issues with Commission staff and the applicant at a project status conference or in another appropriate setting.

Correspondence to LifeBridge Health relating to this application should be sent to:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel I. Suldan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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