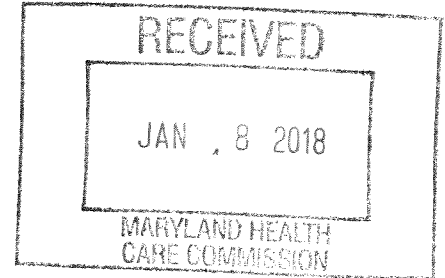




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VIA EMAIL AND OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

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
Docket No. 17-12-2403

Dear Mr. Parker:

Union Hospital of Cecil County, Inc. (UHCC) currently has eleven (11) beds dedicated to providing inpatient psychiatry services in Elkton, Maryland. UHCC is located in the Eastern Shore planning region which is contiguous to the Central Maryland planning region where the proposed new University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Campus Behavioral Health Pavilion would be located. Accordingly, as provided in COMAR 10.24.01.01B(2), 10.24.01.01B(20) and 10.24.01.01B(2)(a), UHCC qualifies as an interested party in connection with the above captioned Certificate of Need Application and hereby requests that it be recognized as such.

Although the CON application indicates that it is expected that UHCC will delicense its eleven (11) licensed psychiatric beds, at this time we are considering whether it is in the best interests of the community served by UHCC for UHCC to maintain its psychiatric beds in Cecil County.

If you have any questions or need any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Szumel, M.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer