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May 1, 2018

VIA EMAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

Ms. Ruby Potter
Health Facilities Coordinator
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Re: Encompass Health Rehabilitation
Hospital of Southern Maryland, LLC

Dear Ms. Potter:

Please note there was a mistake with respect to the above Application regarding Exhibit 2, UMMS Letter of Support. Please substitute what is currently Exhibit 2 (letter from Nneka Ezunagu) with the attached letter from Robert A. Chrencik. The letter from Nneka Ezunagu should be included with the Letters of Support in Exhibit 11.

Should you have any questions regarding this Application, please contact me at (410) 727-4433. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Carolyn Jacobs'.

Carolyn Jacobs

CJ:tmh

cc: Melanie Lewis, Vice President Development
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CORPORATE OFFICE

April 18, 2018

Kevin McDonald, Chief, Certificate of Need
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

RE: Support for CON Application for Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospital of Southern Maryland, LLC

Dear Mr. McDonald:

As you know, the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS) acquired Dimensions Healthcare System in 2017 and created a new entity named the University of Maryland Capital Region Health. We are currently building a new hospital in Largo to replace the aging Prince George's Hospital Center in Cheverly. This initiative is critically important to the residents of Prince George's County to enhance their access to high quality healthcare in the County.

As the President and CEO of UMMS, we are excited to play an important role in revitalizing the entire healthcare delivery system in this part of Southern Maryland. Successfully working towards that goal requires UMMS to call upon other members of the healthcare community to provide other parts of the continuum of services needed for our patients. For this reason, I am writing today to express our support for Encompass Healthcare Corporation's Certificate of Need application to build a new free standing inpatient rehabilitation hospital in Bowie, Maryland.

With over 900,000 residents in Prince George's County, two-thirds leave the County for hospital care. As a result, Prince George's residents are not receiving the quality and scope of healthcare services they deserve close to their homes. Inpatient rehabilitation is critically important for those patients who have suffered a stroke, neurological disorders, multi-trauma and many other conditions. The new UM Capital Region Medical Center, slated to open in 2021, will need the ability to refer patients to an acute rehabilitation inpatient facility. These patients are often very complex and need the technology and expertise that Encompass Rehabilitation Hospitals are known for. Rehabilitation patients also need the

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University of Maryland Harford Memorial Hospital •
University of Maryland Capital Region Health – University of Maryland Bowie Health Center –
University of Maryland Laurel Regional Hospital – University of Maryland Prince George's Hospital Center •
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participation of their family members to maximize the benefits of their rehabilitation experience. Many of these individuals are elderly and driving long distances is challenging and nearly impossible in most instances. In addition, Encompass Health Rehabilitation Hospitals across the country have a reputation for excellent outcomes including returning patients to their home nearly 80% of the time, low readmission rates, and significant improvements in the patient's physical and cognitive functioning.

The University of Maryland Medical System looks forward to working collaboratively with healthcare providers in Prince George's County that share our common goals of outstanding quality and improved access to care. Encompass Health is certainly an outstanding provider and we welcome them to Prince George's County. I strongly encourage the Commission to approve their Certificate of Need application to build this needed Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital in Bowie, Maryland.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Chrencik". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Robert" and last name "Chrencik" clearly legible.

Robert A. Chrencik
President and Chief Executive Officer
University of Maryland Medical System