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VIA EMAIL

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Chair/Reviewer
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Re: AAMC Response to Exceptions to Recommended Decision

Dear Commissioner Tanio:

Pursuant to your letter of December 30, 2016 and COMAR 10.24.01.09(B), enclosed please find Anne Arundel Medical Center, Inc.'s response to exceptions.

The required paper copies will follow.

Sincerely,


Jonathan Montgomery

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BEFORE THE
MARYLAND HEALTH CARE
COMMISSION

**ANNE ARUNDEL MEDICAL CENTER
RESPONSE TO EXCEPTIONS TO RECOMMENDED DECISION**

Anne Arundel Medical Center, Inc. (“**AAMC**”), by its undersigned counsel, hereby responds to the January 11, 2017, exceptions filed to Chairman Tanio’s December 30, 2016, recommended decision (the “**Recommended Decision**”) in regard to the above-captioned Baltimore Upper Shore Cardiac Surgery Review (the “**Review**”). In particular, AAMC responds to the exceptions filed by (1) University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center (“**BWMC**”); (2) Dimensions Health Corporation d/b/a Prince George’s Hospital Center (“**PGHC**”); and (3) Medstar Health, Inc. (“**MedStar**”).

I. SUMMARY

AAMC endorses the Recommended Decision by Chairman Tanio. As set forth in the Recommended Decision, Chairman Tanio duly finds that AAMC’s application to establish a new cardiac surgery program satisfies all of the criteria imposed by the Cardiac Chapter of the State Health Plan (“**Cardiac Chapter**”), while the competing application of BWMC does not. Chairman Tanio persuasively articulates how, because of its size, location, and larger service area, AAMC is better positioned than BWMC to attain the cardiac surgery case volumes required