

IN THE MATTER OF	*	
ANNE ARUNDEL MEDICAL CENTER	*	
Docket No. 15-02-2360	*	
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IN THE MATTER OF UNIVERSITY	*	MARYLAND HEALTH CARE
OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE	*	COMMISSION
WASHINGTON MEDICAL CENTER	*	
Docket No. 15-02-2361	*	
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**ANNE ARUNDEL MEDICAL CENTER
RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDED DECISION**

Anne Arundel Medical Center, Inc. (“AAMC”), by its undersigned counsel, hereby responds 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**”).

AAMC endorses the Recommended Decision. The Recommended Decision duly finds that AAMC’s application to establish a new cardiac surgery program satisfies the criteria imposed by the State Health Plan, while the competitive application of University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center (“**BWMC**”) fails to do so. The Recommended Decision persuasively articulates how AAMC’s location, size, and larger service area make it better positioned than BWMC to reach the cardiac surgery case volumes demanded in the State Health Plan. In that context, Chairman Tanio prudently recommends that only a single proposed program – that of AAMC – receive approval, given the geographic proximity of the hospitals. In short, Chairman Tanio correctly concluded that AAMC has the greatest potential to establish a low-cost, high-performance cardiac surgery program, improving access to cardiac surgery

services in Anne Arundel County and the broader region, in collaboration with Johns Hopkins Medicine.

AAMC appreciates the hard work and thoroughness of Chairman Tanio and the staff of the Maryland Health Care Commission in conducting this Review. The Recommended Decision is thoughtful, and demonstrates careful scrutiny of the evidence and arguments submitted by the applicants and interested parties in this Review.

AAMC files no exceptions to the Recommended Decision. AAMC requests the opportunity to file responses to any exceptions to the Recommended Decision, pursuant to the schedule set forth in the Recommended Decision. AAMC also requests the opportunity to present oral argument to the full Commission at the exceptions hearing identified in the Recommended Decision, should any exceptions be filed to the Recommended Decision.

Respectfully submitted,



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