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October 6, 2020

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Re: Withdrawal of Certificate of Need Application
Suburban Hospital
Docket No. 17-15-2400

Dear Mr. O’Croinin:

Thank you for your e-mail of October 6, 2020 forwarding the letter from Carolyn Carpenter, President, National Capital Region, Johns Hopkins Medicine, informing the Commission that Suburban Hospital is withdrawing the above- referenced Certificate of Need application.

The Maryland Health Care Commission accepts the withdrawal of this application without prejudice. By copy of this letter all affected persons are notified of this action.

If you have any questions about this determination, please contact Kevin McDonald at (410) 764-5982.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ruby Potter".

Ruby Potter
Health Facilities Coordinator

cc: David Tobin, Esquire
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Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

October 5, 2020

**Re: Suburban Hospital, Docket No. 17-15-2400
Voluntary Withdrawal of CON Application**

Dear Commissioner Rymer:

In conformance with COMAR 10.24.01.16, I am writing to voluntarily withdraw Suburban Hospital Inc.'s Liver Transplant Certificate of Need Application, dated June 28, 2017.

I would like to thank you, as well as the MHCC and the HSCRC staff, for your time, thorough review, and thoughtful consideration of our application. Our intent in proposing a new liver transplant program was to improve access to this life-saving service to residents of the National Capital Region. While many factors have changed over the nearly three and a half years since we filed our application—including the national allocation methodology for livers—we continue to believe that the region would benefit from the expanded availability of services offered by the Johns Hopkins Comprehensive Transplant Center. Nevertheless, we accept your recommendation that the MHCC deny our application, and we therefore withdraw it.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Carpenter, MHA, FACHE
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Johns Hopkins Medicine

cc: Paul Parker, Director, Center for Health Care Facilities Planning and Development
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