

# MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

## Emergency Certificate of Need

**TO:** Sherry B. Perkins, PhD, RN, FAAN  
President, Anne Arundel Medical Center  
2001 Medical Parkway  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

April 15, 2020  
Date

**RE:** Anne Arundel Medical Center  
Establishment of Up To 147 Additional  
Inpatient Beds at the Belcher Pavilion

EM-H20-02-027  
Docket No.

### DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY PROJECT

This Emergency Certificate of Need authorizes Anne Arundel Medical Center to establish additional inpatient bed capacity consisting of up to 147 medical/surgical/gynecological/addictions beds for low acuity patients to be located on the hospital campus in the Belcher Pavilion, 2000 Medical Parkway, Annapolis (Anne Arundel County) (the Site), which is across the street from the inpatient hospital. The inpatient beds will be located in space in the Belcher Pavilion as follows: 50 beds in ambulatory office space on the first floor; 30 beds in ambulatory office space on the fifth floor; and 67 beds in conference room space on the seventh floor. The capital cost of the project, including minor interior construction, portable equipment, and beds, is estimated to be \$1,300,000. The hospital anticipates that the additional inpatient beds will be brought online by May 10, 2020.

### ORDER

Upon consideration of the request of Anne Arundel Medical Center, suitably detailed information provided by the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) and others, and consultation with the Chairman of the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC), Ben Steffen, MHCC Executive Director, determined that the lack of sufficient inpatient bed capacity at Maryland general hospitals resulting from COVID-19 presents a hazard to patients and/or employees, as provided in COMAR 10.24.01.20A.

Therefore, it is, on April 15, 2020, ordered by the Executive Director that an Emergency Certificate of Need issue for the project. It is further ordered that the requirement in COMAR 10.24.01.20C that Anne Arundel Medical Center file an application for Certificate of Need for the inpatient beds established in this Emergency Certificate of Need is suspended by the Executive Director pursuant to COMAR 10.24.01.10A(2) until at least 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency declared by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. on March 5, 2020.

**Approvals by Maryland Department of Health**

This Emergency Certificate of Need does not constitute a license or replace any approvals for other aspects of the project that are required by the OHCQ or other divisions of the Maryland Department of Health to operate inpatient bed capacity at the Site.

**Duration of Emergency CON; Further Action**

This Emergency Certificate of Need will be considered for confirmation by the Maryland Health Care Commission at its meeting on May 21, 2020, or on another date of which you will be notified. This Emergency Certificate of Need initially remains in effect for a maximum of 165 days, as provided in COMAR 10.24.01.20C, or until 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency declared by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. on March 5, 2020. The Emergency CON may be extended beyond that date for good cause shown.

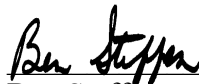
**CONDITION OF EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE OF NEED**

Because it is important that the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Office of Health Care Quality know when the inpatient beds approved in this Emergency Certificate of Need are available for patients, it is further

**ORDERED that Anne Arundel Medical Center shall advise MHCC staff and OHCQ staff when the inpatient beds become operational at the Site, disclosing: (1) the number of beds in this Emergency CON that become available for patients; and (2) the date the beds become available.** The hospital shall: notify MHCC staff by sending an email with this information to [ruby.potter@maryland.gov](mailto:ruby.potter@maryland.gov); and notify OHCQ staff of this temporary increase in its licensed bed capacity by completing OHCQ's Application for Temporary Adjustment of Hospital Beds, which is located at:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/c7e6598943c84dd2ba9e39859a9f3383>.

**MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION**



Ben Steffen  
Executive Director

cc: Robert R. Neall, Secretary of Health  
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