



Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary

Office of Health Care Quality  
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April 14, 2020

Ben Steffen, Executive Director  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Mr. Steffen,

As you are aware, on March 5, 2020, Governor Hogan issued a proclamation that a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency exists in Maryland, due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Based on the increased need for acute general hospital beds due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of Health Care Quality is requesting that the Maryland Health Care Commission apply its authority under COMAR 10.24.01.20 to grant an emergency certificate of need to Atlantic General Hospital.

Atlantic General Hospital has requested approval and licensure for 16 inpatient MSGA beds for low acuity patients to be located in 8 semi-private rooms located at the adjacent Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at 9715 Healthway Drive in Berlin. The hospital has entered into an agreement with BNRC to lease and operate these 16 beds. These beds will be available for operation by April 30, 2020.

The Office of Health Care Quality recommends this certificate of need should be approved on an emergency basis, and based on the information provided by the hospital, these beds can be provisionally licensed as part of Atlantic General Hospital.

Please contact me if you have any questions at (410)402-8116 or (443)681-0278.

Sincerely,

*Renee B. Webster*

Renee B. Webster, Deputy Director, Federal Programs