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Ben Steffen, Executive Director
Maryland Health Care Commission
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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 Anne Arundel Medical Center for additional inpatient beds.

Anne Arundel Medical Center is requesting approval for 162 additional MSGA low acuity beds. Fifteen beds will be added in space to be renovated in the cafeteria of Clatanoff Pavilion by 4/30/2020. In the Belcher Pavilion, low acuity MSGA inpatient beds will be added through renovation of the ambulatory care offices and conference room spaces. This space will be available for occupancy by 5/10/2020. This includes 50 beds on the first floor, 30 beds on the 5th floor and 67 beds on the seventh floor of the Belcher Pavilion.

The Office of Health Care Quality recommends that these certificates of need should be approved on an emergency basis for Anne Arundel Medical Center for these 162 beds that can be provisionally licensed under the hospital's licensure for the term of the state of emergency.

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