

# MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

## Emergency Certificate of Need

**TO:** Terry Forde, President & CEO  
Adventist Health Care, Inc.  
820 West Diamond Avenue, Suite 600  
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May 20, 2020  
Date

**RE:** Establishment of an Alternate Care Site with 200 Inpatient  
Beds in a Temporary Remote Location of Adventist  
HealthCare, Inc. d/b/a Adventist HealthCare White Oak  
Medical Center at the Former Site of Washington Adventist  
Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland

EM-H20-15-036  
Docket No.

### DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY PROJECT

This Emergency Certificate of Need authorizes Adventist HealthCare, Inc. d/b/a Adventist Health Care White Oak Medical Center (White Oak) to establish additional inpatient bed capacity consisting of 200 medical/surgical/gynecological/addictions (MSGA) beds as an Alternate Care Site in a temporary remote location on the first through fifth floors and the lower level 1 floor of the former Washington Adventist Hospital, 700 Avenue, Takoma Park (Montgomery County) (the Site). The beds are expected to be brought online in phases, with the first 21 beds brought becoming operational by May 26, 2020. Construction of the Alternate Care Site space is being overseen by the Department of General Services, in coordination with White Oak, and the cost of the project will be borne by the State of Maryland.

### ORDER

Upon consideration of the request of White Oak, 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 May 20, 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 White Oak 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 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency declared by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. on March 5, 2020. This application filing date may be extended by the Executive Director.

### **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.

### **Further Action**

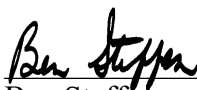
This Emergency Certificate of Need will be considered for confirmation by the Maryland Health Care Commission at its next scheduled meeting on June 18, 2020. This Emergency Certificate of Need initially remains valid for a maximum of 165 days, as provided in COMAR 10.24.01.20C, or until 30 days after 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 White Oak shall advise MHCC staff and OHCQ staff when each phase of the inpatient beds becomes 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 each 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

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