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Ben Steffen, Executive Director  
Maryland Health Care Commission  
4160 Patterson Avenue  
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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 Adventist Health Care White Oak Medical Center.

Adventist HealthCare White Oak Medical Center has requested approval and licensure for 200 inpatient beds for COVID positive patients to be located in the recently vacated patient rooms in the previous Washington Adventist Hospital. These rooms will be outfitted and will become operational in late May 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 200 beds can be provisionally licensed as part of Adventist HealthCare White Oak Medical Center.

Sincerely,

*Renee B. Webster*

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