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Office of Health Care Quality
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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 Adventist HealthCare White Oak Medical Center to establish an intensive care unit.

Adventist HealthCare White Oak Medical Center has requested approval and licensure for a 16 bed intensive care unit located at the alternate care site previously licensed as Washington Adventist Hospital. The unit is being renovated and equipped and should be available for operation by the middle of January 2021.

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 16 beds can be licensed as part of Adventist HealthCare White Oak Medical Center.

Sincerely,

Renee B. Webster

Renee B. Webster, Deputy Director, Federal Programs

