

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Emergency Certificate of Need

TO: Terry Forde, President & CEO
Adventist Health Care, Inc.
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April 4, 2020
Date

RE: Adventist HealthCare, Inc. d/b/a Adventist HealthCare
White Oak Medical Center
Establishment of 23 Acute Inpatient Beds

EM-H20-15-009
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 23 medical/surgical/gynecological/addictions (M/S/G/A) beds at 11890 Healing Way, Silver Spring (Montgomery County) (the Site) that are in existing, nonclinical spaces located on floors 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.¹ The estimated cost of the project is \$5,000,000. Twelve beds will be ready by May 31, 2020, and the remaining 11 rest will be ready by late June 2020.

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 April 4, 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.

¹ White Oak has 36 additional beds with piped gases in a Post-Anesthesia Care Unit, a clinical decision unit, and an observation unit for which it will request a temporary increase in licensed beds from OHCQ.

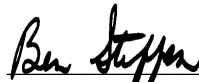
Approvals by Maryland Department of Health

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 April 16, 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 Hogan, on March 5, 2020. The Emergency CON may be extended beyond that date for good cause shown.

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Ben Steffen
Executive Director

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