



MARYLAND Department of Health

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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 HealthCare White Oak Medical Center. .

Adventist HealthCare White Oak Medical Center has requested temporary licensure for a 23 inpatient beds that would be added on floors 2, 3,4,5,6 and 7. The beds will be located in rooms that are currently not clinical space but will be renovated to be converted into inpatient bed space. Twelve of the beds will be available by May 31, 2020 with the remaining 11 will be available by the end of June.

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

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