

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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April 4, 2020
Date

RE: Establishment of 63-Bed Temporary Remote Location of
Adventist HealthCare, Inc. d/b/a Adventist Health Care
White Oak Medical Center at the Former Washington
Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, Maryland

EM-H20-15-008
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 63 medical/surgical/gynecological/addictions (M/S/G/A) beds at a temporary remote location on the former Washington Adventist Hospital, 700 Avenue, Takoma Park (Montgomery County) (the Site). The 63 M/S/G/A beds will be located at the Site as follows: 42 beds will be in space that is currently licensed as a special-hospital rehabilitation by Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital of Maryland, Inc. d/b/a Adventist Healthcare Rehabilitation; and the remaining 21 beds will be located in rooms that previously were used for hospital patients on the 5th floor. The beds are expected to be brought online by April 14, 2020, and the project's estimated cost is \$500,000.

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.

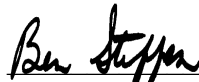
Approvals by Maryland Department of Health

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 Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. 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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