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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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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.

Adventist HealthCare White Oak Medical Center has requested temporary licensure for a 21 bed medical inpatient unit on the 5th Floor of the previously licensed and certified Adventist HealthCare Washington Adventist Hospital that was vacated in August 2019. The hospital would reactivate the unit and outfit it as a medical surgical unit. Additionally, the Adventist HealthCare White Oak Medical Center requests operation of 42 medical beds in its sister hospital, Adventist HeathCare Rehabilitation Hospital located within the same building. The Adventist HealthCare Rehabilitation Hospital would temporarily delicense their beds in order to increase the number of medical beds available for the COVID-19 Crisis. Both units would be available for use in 10 days or on or about April 14, 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 63 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, Deputy Director, Federal Programs