

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Emergency Certificate of Need

TO: Sherry B. Perkins, PhD, RN, FAAN
President, Anne Arundel Medical Center
2001 Medical Parkway
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

April 15, 2020
Date

RE: Anne Arundel Medical Center
Establishment of Up To 15 Additional
Inpatient Beds at the Clatanoff Pavilion

EM-H20-02-026
Docket No.

DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY PROJECT

This Emergency Certificate of Need authorizes Anne Arundel Medical Center to establish additional inpatient bed capacity consisting of up to 15 medical/surgical/gynecological/addictions beds to be located in “patient bays” for low acuity patients on the first floor of the Clatanoff Pavilion, 2001 Medical Parkway, Annapolis (Anne Arundel County) (the Site). The capital cost of the project, including minor interior construction, portable equipment, and beds, is estimated to be \$200,000. The hospital anticipates that the additional inpatient beds will be brought online by April 30, 2020.

ORDER

Upon consideration of the request of Anne Arundel Medical Center, 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 15, 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 Anne Arundel Medical Center 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 at least 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency declared by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. on March 5, 2020.

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.

Duration of Emergency CON; Further Action

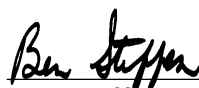
This Emergency Certificate of Need will be considered for confirmation by the Maryland Health Care Commission at its meeting on May 21, 2020, or on another date of which you will be notified. This Emergency Certificate of Need initially remains in effect for a maximum of 165 days, as provided in COMAR 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.

CONDITION OF EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE OF NEED

Because it is important that the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Office of Health Care Quality know when the inpatient beds approved in this Emergency Certificate of Need are available for patients, it is further

ORDERED that Anne Arundel Medical Center shall advise MHCC staff and OHCQ staff when the inpatient beds become operational at the Site, disclosing: (1) the number of beds in this Emergency CON that become available for patients; and (2) the date the beds become available. The hospital shall: notify MHCC staff by sending an email with this information to ruby.potter@maryland.gov; and notify OHCQ staff of this temporary increase in its licensed bed capacity by completing OHCQ's Application for Temporary Adjustment of Hospital Beds, which is located at: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/c7e6598943c84dd2ba9e39859a9f3383>.

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Ben Steffen
Executive Director

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