

# MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

## Emergency Certificate of Need

**TO:** Craig Neiswanger  
Vita Healthcare Group

April 16, 2020  
Date

**RE:** Establishment of 8 Additional Beds at  
Crescent Cities Nursing and Rehabilitation Center  
4409 East-West Highway  
Riverdale Park, Maryland

EM-NH-16-003  
Docket No.

### DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY PROJECT

This Emergency Certificate of Need authorizes Crescent Cities Nursing and Rehabilitation Center (Crescent Cities NRC), a comprehensive care facility (CCF or nursing home), to establish additional bed capacity consisting of eight CCF beds that will be created through the conversion of private rooms to semi-private room, at Crescent Cities NRC, 4409 East-West Hwy, Riverdale Park (Prince George's County) (the Site), at an estimated cost of \$16,432. Crescent Cities NRC anticipates that it can bring the eight additional CCF beds online by April 27, 2020.

### ORDER

Upon consideration of the request of Crescent Cities NRC, 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, in accordance with COMAR 10.24.01.20A, this additional CCF bed capacity will lessen hazards presented to residents and/or employees because the additional beds will receive patients discharged from acute general hospitals for post-acute care or "to accept patients from other [nursing homes] if they experience COVID-19 outbreaks and are forced to transfer patients."

Therefore, it is, on April 16, 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 Crescent Cities NRC file an application for Certificate of Need for the 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.

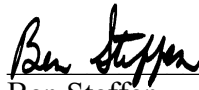
### Approvals by Maryland Department of Health

This Emergency Certificate of Need does not constitute a license or replace any approvals for other aspects of the project that are required by OHCQ or other divisions of the Maryland Department of Health to operate CCF 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 May 21, 2020, or on another date of which you will be notified. This Emergency Certificate of Need 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.

**MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION**



Ben Steffen

Executive Director

cc: Robert R. Neall, Secretary of Health  
Patricia T. Nay, M.D., Executive Director, OHCQ  
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