

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Emergency Certificate of Need

TO: Paul Grenaldo, President
Doctors Community Hospital, Inc.
8118 Good Luck Road
Lanham, MD 20706

April 13, 2020
Date

RE: Doctors Community Hospital
Establishment of 15 Additional Inpatient Beds in
the Hospital's Clinical Tower

EM-H20-16-024
Docket No.

DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY PROJECT

This Emergency Certificate of Need authorizes Doctors Community Hospital to establish additional inpatient bed capacity consisting of 15 medical/surgical/gynecological/addictions (MSGAs) beds for low acuity inpatients through the conversion of administrative space on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th floors of the hospital tower, 8118 Good Luck Road, Lanham (Prince George's County) (the Site), at an estimated cost of \$200,000. Doctors Community Hospital anticipates that the additional inpatient beds will be brought online by May 3, 2020.

ORDER

Upon consideration of the request of Doctors Community Hospital, 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 13, 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 Doctors Community Hospital 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

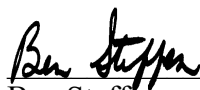
This Emergency Certificate of Need will be considered for confirmation by the Maryland Health Care Commission at its meeting on May 21, 2020, or on another date of which you will be notified. This Emergency Certificate of Need initially remains in effect for a maximum of 165 days, as provided in COMAR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

cc: Robert R. Neall, Secretary of Health
Renee Webster, Deputy Director, Federal Programs, Office of Health Care Quality
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