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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 Doctors' Community Hospital .

Doctors Community Hospital has requested approval and licensure for 128 inpatient beds that would be constructed in the existing space located within the hospital and in the adjacent previously operated skilled nursing facility. The hospital will be adding 15 MSGA beds to non-clinical space on the third, fourth and fifth floor of the hospital tower. Sixty two MSGA beds will be added in the North Building by converting non clinical space and space associated with its Sleep Center and ambulatory surgery center. Fifty one MSGA beds will be created in the previously operated Magnolia Gardens Nursing Home located adjacent the hospital. The beds in Magnolia Gardens will be available for use in 10 days. The beds in the Hospital tower and in the North Building will be available in 20 and 28 days respectively. The total number of beds requested is 128 MSGA.

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 beds can be provisionally licensed as part of Doctors' Community Hospital.

Please contact me if you have any questions at (410)402-8116 or (443)681-0278.

Sincerely,

Renee B. Webster

Renee B. Webster, Deputy Director, Federal Programs