



Larry Hogan, Governor · Boyd K. Rutherford, Lt. Governor · Robert R. Neall, Secretary

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Ben Steffen, Executive Director
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
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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 Fort Washington Medical Center for two field hospital inpatient units.

Adventist HealthCare Fort Washington Medical Center has requested temporary licensure for two field hospital inpatient units that will be located on the hospital campus. Each unit will be able to house 10 beds. The units will be appropriately equipped with utilities and emergency power and were constructed the week of March 28, 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, the field hospital inpatient units can be provisionally licensed as part of Adventist HealthCare Fort Washington Medical Center.

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