



MARYLAND Department of Health

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Office Health Care Quality
7120 Samuel Morse Drive
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Ben Steffen, Executive Director
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore MD 21215

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 Frederick Health Hospital .

Frederick Health Hospital has requested licensure for two 36 bed inpatient units that will be located on the hospital campus in a vacated long term care facility currently used for offices. The facility. The proposed use of the facility will be for hospital patients with low acuity or requiring restorative care. The first 20 beds can be brought into service the week of March 29, 2020 with the remaining beds being available in 30 days.

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 Frederick Health Hospital.

Please contact me if you have any questions at (410)402-8090 or (443)681-0278.

Sincerely,

Renee B. Webster, Deputy Director Federal Programs