

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Revised Emergency Certificate of Need

TO: Thomas A. Kleinhanzl, CEO
Frederick Health Hospital
400 West 7th Street
Frederick, Maryland 21701

April 2, 2020
Revision Date

RE: Establishment of 114 Additional Inpatient Beds in 57
Inpatient Rooms (20 Negative Pressure) at
700 Toll House Road, Frederick, Maryland

EM-H20-10-006
Docket No.

DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY PROJECT

This Emergency Certificate of Need authorizes Frederick Health Hospital to establish additional inpatient bed capacity by converting its existing business center (a former nursing home) to create 114 medical/surgical/gynecological/addictions (M/S/G/A) beds in 57 inpatient rooms, located at 700 Toll House Road, Frederick (Frederick County), Maryland (the Site), a two-story building that is directly across the street from Frederick Health Hospital. The estimated cost of the project is \$5,000,000 for facility conversion and equipment purchase/rental, which includes portable gases, suction, and sinks. The hospital intends to fund the project with existing cash, available line of credit, and reimbursement from State/federal/other sources as available. Frederick Health Hospital estimates that the 20 negative pressure rooms (up to 40 beds) will be ready in three weeks and that the balance of the beds will be available two weeks later.

ORDER

Upon consideration of the request of Frederick Health 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 2, 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 Frederick Health 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.

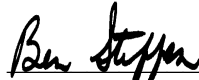
Approvals by Maryland Department of Health

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.

Further Action

This Emergency Certificate of Need will be considered for confirmation by the Maryland Health Care Commission at its next scheduled meeting on April 3, 2020. 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.

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Ben Steffen
Executive Director

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