

April 30, 2020

Maryland Health Care Commission
Attention: Mr. Ben Steffen
Executive Director, MHCC
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Dear Mr. Steffen:

Based upon additional feedback from Suellen Wideman, the University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health (UM UCH) system is re-submitting the following request for an Emergency Certificate of Need to address the COVID-19 pandemic with the goal of being as prepared as possible for the potential surge of patients from an acute care need perspective.

The below summary represents UM UCH's Emergency Certificate of Need request for the addition of acute medical/surgical beds above our licensed beds in locations where there are currently no head walls in place in the identified locations throughout UM Upper Chesapeake Medical Center (UM UCMC) and UM Harford Memorial Hospital (UM HMH) as a component of our UM UCH Covid-19 Surge Plan.

Project Name

UM Upper Chesapeake Health Covid-19 Surge Plan.

Description of Project

UM UCMC is currently licensed for (161) total acute care beds, (149) of which are licensed medical/surgical beds. UM HMH is currently licensed for (82) total acute care beds, (51) of which are licensed medical/surgical beds.

For purposes of the UM UCH Covid-19 Surge Planning, UM UCH is requesting the ability to equip existing space to add additional medical/surgical beds as follows:

UM UCMC

UM UCMC will add an additional (61) acute care medical/surgical beds to the (149) currently licensed acute care medical/surgical beds, for a total of (210) acute care medical/surgical beds. The incremental (61) beds will be a combination of additional beds as noted in the table below at the following identified locations:

Location	# of Beds
Solarium rooms	6
Chesapeake Conference Room	20
KCC Streett Conference Room	20
Rehabilitation Unit	15
Total	61

UM HMMH

UM HMMH will add an additional (20) acute care medical/surgical beds to the (51) currently licensed acute care medical/surgical beds for a total of (71) acute care medical/surgical beds. The incremental (20) beds will be a combination of additional beds as noted in the table below at the following identified locations:

Location	# of Beds
4 Tower Rehab Area	4
Susquehanna Conference Room	10
Medical Staff Conference Room	6
Total	20

Location of Facility/Overview of Number of Beds:

UM Upper Chesapeake Medical Center (500 Upper Chesapeake Dr., Bel Air Maryland 21014)

- This plan will add (61) incremental additional acute care medical/surgical beds throughout the facility.

UM Harford Memorial Hospital (501 S. Union Avenue, Havre de Grace Maryland 21078):

- This plan will add (20) incremental additional acute care medical/surgical beds throughout the facility.

Estimated Capital Cost

There will be nominal expense related to the rental of beds where required throughout the facilities.

Projected Timeline

Physical space changes including modification of staffing ratios and increased equipment will begin as soon as appropriate.

Why action cannot be delayed

This plan has been developed as a component of UM UCH's overall Surge Plan to ensure adequate acute care medical/surgical bed capacity in Harford County. This plan takes into consideration the appropriate social distancing guidelines established around optimum care for patients positive with Covid-19 and the medical staff treating these patients.

Should you have any questions regarding this re-submission please give me a call at 443-643-3306, thank you in advance for your consideration of this emergency certificate of need request.

In Good Health,



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