

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Emergency Certificate of Need

TO: Norvell V. Coots, M.D., President & CEO
Holy Cross Health, Inc.
Louis Damiano, M.D., President
Holy Cross Hospital
1500 Forest Glen Road
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910

April 7, 2020
Date

RE: Holy Cross Hospital
Establishment of 84 Additional Inpatient Beds

EM-H20-15-018
Docket No.

DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY PROJECT

This Emergency Certificate of Need authorizes Holy Cross Health Inc. and Holy Cross Hospital to establish additional inpatient bed capacity consisting of 84 medical/surgical/gynecological/addictions (MSGA) beds, with 42 beds to be located on the each of the 6th and 7th floors of Holy Cross Hospital, 1500 Forest Glen Road, Silver Spring (Montgomery County) (the Site).¹ The hospital reports that these spaces, with approximately 25,000 square feet per floor, previously were used for acute care services, but were decommissioned. The estimated cost of the project is \$11,000,000, which Holy Cross Health, Inc. intends to fund with available cash. Holy Cross Hospital anticipates that the beds will be brought online by May 15, 2020.

ORDER

Upon consideration of the request of Holy Cross 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 7, 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 Holy Cross 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.

¹ Holy Cross Hospital also noted that it will seek a temporary adjustment of its licensed bed capacity from OHCQ as follows: (1) activation of 62 physical beds on the 5th and 6th floors of the hospital; (2) 28 beds resulting from the conversion of 28 post anesthesia care unit spaces; and (3) 30 ICU beds resulting from the conversion of 30 medical-surgical beds.

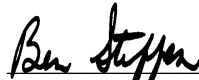
Approvals by Maryland Department of Health

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 16, 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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