

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Emergency Certificate of Need

TO: Craig Neiswanger
Vita Healthcare Group

May 11, 2020
Date

RE: Establishment of Seven Additional Beds at
Layhill Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
3227 Bel Pre Road
Silver Spring, Maryland

EM-NH20-15-005
Docket No.

DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY PROJECT

This Emergency Certificate of Need authorizes Layhill Health and Rehabilitation Center (Layhill HRC), a comprehensive care facility (CCF), to establish additional bed capacity consisting of seven CCF beds that will be created through the conversion of private rooms to semi-private room, at Layhill HRC, 3227 Bel Pre Road, Silver Spring (Montgomery County) (the Site), at an estimated cost of \$14,573. Layhill HRC anticipates that it can bring the seven additional CCF beds online within ten days from the date of this Emergency Certificate of Need.

ORDER

Upon consideration of the request of Layhill HRC, 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, in accordance with COMAR 10.24.01.20A, this additional CCF bed capacity will lessen hazards presented to residents and/or employees because the additional beds will receive patients discharged from acute general hospitals for post-acute care or “to accept patients from other [nursing homes] if they experience COVID-19 outbreaks and are forced to transfer patients.”

Therefore, it is, on May 11, 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 Layhill HRC file an application for Certificate of Need for the 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.

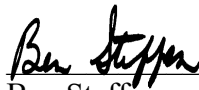
Approvals by Maryland Department of Health

This Emergency Certificate of Need does not constitute a license or replace any approvals for other aspects of the project that are required by OHCQ or other divisions of the Maryland Department of Health to operate CCF 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 May 21, 2020, or on another date of which you will be notified. This Emergency Certificate of Need 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.

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Ben Steffen
Executive Director

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