

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Emergency Certificate of Need

TO: William Raskin
Maryland Emergency Management Agency
Baltimore Convention Center Alternative Care Site
1 West Pratt Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

April 15, 2020
Date

RE: Establishment of a Temporary Acute General Hospital with
250 Inpatient Beds at the Baltimore Convention Center
Alternative Care Site

EM-H20-24-028
Docket No.

DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY PROJECT

This Emergency Certificate of Need authorizes the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to establish a temporary acute general hospital to be known as the Baltimore Convention Center Alternative Care Site that will have 250 medical/surgical/gynecological/addictions beds to be located at the Baltimore Convention Center, 1 West Pratt Street, Baltimore (Baltimore City) (the Site). MEMA anticipates that the temporary general hospital will be operational by April 18, 2020.

ORDER

Upon consideration of the request of MEMA, 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 15, 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 MEMA 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.

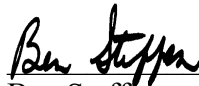
Approvals by Maryland Department of Health

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.

Duration of Emergency CON; Further Action

This Emergency Certificate of Need will be considered for confirmation by the Maryland Health Care Commission at its meeting on May 21, 2020, or on another date of which you will be notified. 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

cc: Robert R. Neall, Secretary of Health
Renee Webster, Deputy Director, Federal Programs, Office of Health Care Quality
Katie Wunderlich, Executive Director, HSCRC
Letitia Dzirasa, M.D., Health Officer, Baltimore City