

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Emergency Certificate of Need

TO: Tom Mullen, President & CEO
Mercy Health Services
345 St. Paul Place
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

March 18, 2020
Date

RE: Establishment of 32 Additional Inpatient Beds
At Mercy Medical Center

EM-H20-24-001
Docket No.

DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY PROJECT

This Emergency Certificate of Need authorizes Mercy Medical Center to establish additional inpatient bed capacity consisting of 32 medical/surgical/gynecological/addictions beds to be located in 30,000 square feet of shell space on the 17th floor of Mary Catherine Bunting Center (the main hospital tower), 345 St. Paul Place in Baltimore City (the Site), at an estimated cost of \$12,500,000, which the hospital anticipates will be donor-funded and construction completed within 70-75 days of issuance of this Emergency CON.

ORDER

Upon consideration of the request of Mercy Medical Center, 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 March 18, 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 Mercy Medical Center 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 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency declared by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. on March 5, 2020. This application filing date may be extended by the Executive Director.

Approvals by Maryland Department of Health

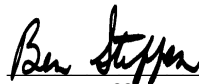
This Emergency Certificate of Need does not constitute a license or replace any approvals for other aspects of the project that are required by the OHCQ or other divisions of the Maryland Department of Health to operate inpatient bed capacity at the Site.

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Further Action

This Emergency Certificate of Need will be considered for confirmation by the Maryland Health Care Commission at its next scheduled meeting on March 19, 2020. This Emergency Certificate of Need initially remains valid 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.

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION



Ben Steffen
Executive Director

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