

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Emergency Certificate of Need

TO: Maulik S. Joshi, Dr. P.H.
Meritus Medical Center
1116 Medical Campus Road
Hagerstown, Maryland

March 21, 2020
Date

RE: Conversion of Five Offices to MSGA
Beds at Meritus Medical Center

EM-H20-21-003
Docket No.

DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY PROJECT

This Emergency Certificate of Need authorizes Meritus Medical Center to establish additional inpatient bed capacity by converting five offices on the fifth floor (5 West) of Meritus Medical Center, 1116 Medical Campus Road, Hagerstown (Washington County), Maryland (the Site) to create five private inpatient medical/surgical/gynecological/addictions (MSGA) beds. The estimated cost of the project is \$240,000, for which the hospital plans to seek donor funding. Meritus Medical Center projects that the addition can be patient-ready within 30 days after the issuance of this Emergency Certificate of Need.

ORDER

Upon consideration of the request of Meritus 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 21, 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 Meritus 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.

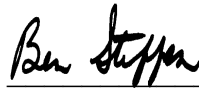
Approvals by Maryland Department of Health

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.

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 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.

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Ben Steffen
Executive Director

cc: Robert R. Neall, Secretary of Health
Patricia T. Nay, M.D., Executive Director, Office of Health Care Quality
Katie Wunderlich, Executive Director, HSCRC
Earl E. Stoner, MPH, Health Officer, Washington County