

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Emergency Certificate of Need

TO: Neil Meltzer, President
LifeBridge Health, Inc.
2401 W. Belvedere Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

March 25, 2020
Date

RE: Establishment of 20-Bed Unit of
Negative Pressure Rooms at
Northwest Hospital Center, Inc.

EM-H20-03-005
Docket No.

DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY PROJECT

This Emergency Certificate of Need authorizes LifeBridge Health, Inc and Northwest Hospital Center, Inc. (Northwest Hospital) to establish additional inpatient bed capacity consisting of 20 negative pressure medical/surgical/gynecological/addictions beds in private rooms, to be located on the 4th floor of Northwest Hospital, Inc., 5401 Old Court Road, Randallstown (Baltimore County), Maryland (the Site), at an estimated cost of \$500,000. Northwest Hospital estimates that the renovations will be completed by March 27, 2020.

ORDER

Upon consideration of the request of Northwest 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 March 25, 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 Northwest 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.

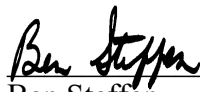
Approvals by Maryland Department of Health

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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