



MARYLAND Department of Health

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Office Health Care Quality
7120 Samuel Morse Drive
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Ben Steffen, Executive Director
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore MD 21215

Dear Mr. Steffen,

As you are aware, on March 5, 2020, Governor Hogan issued a proclamation that a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency exists in Maryland, due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Based on the increased need for acute general hospital beds due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of Health Care Quality is requesting that the Maryland Health Care Commission apply its authority under COMAR 10.24.01.20 to grant an emergency certificate of need to Northwest Hospital Center.

Northwest Hospital Center has requested licensure for a proposed inpatient unit created in the hospital's recently closed sub-acute unit. The unit will house 20 patients in private rooms with negative pressure airflow. The unit will be completed by 3/27/2020.

The Office of Health Care Quality recommends this certificate of need should be approved on an emergency basis, and based on the information provided by the hospital; these beds can be provisionally licensed as part of Northwest Hospital Center.

Please contact me if you have any questions at (410)402-8090 or (443)681-0278.

Sincerely,

Renee B. Webster, Deputy Director Federal Programs