

# MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

## Emergency Certificate of Need

**TO:** Steven E. Leonard, President & CEO  
Peninsula Regional Health System  
100 East Carroll Avenue  
Salisbury, Maryland 21801

March 27, 2020  
Date

**RE:** Establishment of Two Intensive Care Units  
With a Total of Up To 56 Inpatient Beds  
at Peninsula Regional Medical Center

EM-H20-22-007  
Docket No.

### DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY PROJECT

This Emergency Certificate of Need authorizes Peninsula Regional Medical Center to establish two intensive care units (ICUs) with additional inpatient bed capacity consisting of up to 56 medical/surgical/gynecological/addictions (M/S/G/A) beds to be located at the hospital, 100 East Carroll Avenue, Salisbury (Wicomico County), with a total cost for the two ICUs of approximately \$3.825 million. Peninsula Regional Medical Center anticipates that both projects will be completed by May 1, 2020.

The larger ICU, containing up to 48 of the M/S/G/A beds, will be known as the Delmarva/Eastern Shore Regional Critical Care/Pandemic Unit and will be located in a temporary ICU unit created from conference room space and existing office space. This ICU will utilize modular equipment that could be assembled and disassembled in times of need, at an estimated cost of \$3.45 million that includes: \$1.6 million for movable equipment (including 60 ventilators already ordered by the hospital with May 2020 delivery); approximately \$550,000 in construction costs; and \$1.3 million in construction and associated costs to relocate the information systems department that currently occupies the conference space. This ICU will be capable of being dissembled after the termination of the current state of emergency, but the headwalls and building improvements will remain as physical bed capacity.

The smaller ICU/isolation unit will contain eight M/S/G/A beds in negative pressure rooms in the former eight-bed inpatient pediatric department adjacent to the hospital's emergency department. The project requires the addition of an exhaust system to establish negative airflow in the unit, replacement of ductwork, construction of a wall, and other work, and has an estimated cost of \$375,000.

### ORDER

Upon consideration of the request of Peninsula Regional 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 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 Peninsula Regional 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 at least 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency declared by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. on March 5, 2020.

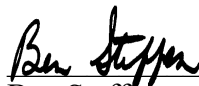
### **Approvals by Maryland Department of Health**

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.

## **MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION**



Ben Steffen  
Executive Director

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