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Maryland Health Care Commission
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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 Sinai Hospital of Baltimore.

Sinai Hospital of Baltimore has requested approval and licensure for 2 inpatient MSGA beds that lack head walls with gases located within current hospital space. These beds are in addition to 219 other inpatient beds requested as a Temporary Adjustment of Licensed Beds. These beds will be available for operation in 48 hours after approval.

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 2 beds can be provisionally licensed as part of Sinai Hospital of Baltimore.

Sincerely,

Renee B. Webster

Renee B. Webster, Deputy Director, Federal Programs