

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Emergency Certificate of Need

TO: Regina Figueroa, LNHA, MHS
Chief Administrative Officer
Stella Maris, Inc.
2300 Dulaney Valley Road
Lutherville-Timonium, Maryland 21093

April 9, 2020
Date

RE: Stella Maris, Inc.
Establishment of Up To 39 Additional Beds
In Up To Two COVID-19 Units

EM-NH-03-002
Docket No.

DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY PROJECT

This Emergency Certificate of Need authorizes Stella Maris, Inc. (Stella Maris), a comprehensive care facility (CCF or nursing home) to establish additional bed capacity consisting of up to 39 additional CCF beds to be located in up to two COVID-19 units at Stella Maris, 2300 Dulaney Valley Road, Lutherville-Timonium (Baltimore County) (the Site).

Stella Maris plans initially to establish an 18-bed COVID-19 unit (Primary COVID-19 Unit) to be located in the Adult-Day Care Center owned by Stella Maris on its campus but physically separated from its main nursing unit. In this unit, Stella Maris will care for and isolate its residents who test positive for COVID-19 and will also admit COVID-19 positive patients discharged from acute general hospitals who require CCF care. The Primary COVID-19 Unit has separate entrances and exits, assuring that new admissions and readmissions will be physically separated from the general nursing home population. If the Primary COVID-19 Unit is projected to be at capacity, Stella Maris will establish a second 21-bed COVID-19 unit (Secondary COVID-19 Unit) in the Sheehan Wing Auditorium

The Primary COVID-19 Unit can be completed within seven days and will cost \$4,500 per month in rental costs associated with beds and equipment. The Secondary COVID-19 Unit could be established within seven days of Emergency CON, with associated costs to be borne by Stella Maris.

ORDER

Upon consideration of the request of Stella Maris, 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, in accordance with COAR 10.24.01.20A, this additional CCF bed capacity will lessen hazards presented to residents and/or employees because the additional beds will: (1) permit more private rooms, thereby lessening the opportunity for transmission of the novel coronavirus; (2) quarantine residents with mild COVID-19 cases; and/or (3) receive patients discharged from acute general hospitals for post-acute care.

Therefore, it is, on April 9, 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 Stella Maris file an application for Certificate of Need for the 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.

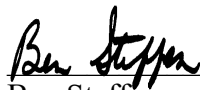
Approvals by Maryland Department of Health

This Emergency Certificate of Need does not constitute a license or replace any approvals for other aspects of the project that are required by OHCQ or other divisions of the Maryland Department of Health to operate CCF 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 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.

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Ben Steffen
Executive Director

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