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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 University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Center.

University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Center has requested approval and licensure for 61 inpatient MSGA beds that will be developed in 2 conference rooms, solariums and in the rehabilitation unit. These areas will be appropriately outfitted to accommodate inpatient treatment. Conversion will begin upon 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 61 beds can be provisionally licensed as part of University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Medical Center.

Sincerely,

Renee B. Webster

Renee B. Webster, Deputy Director, Federal Programs