

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Emergency Certificate of Need

TO: Bert O'Malley, M.D., President and CEO
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November 24, 2020
Date

RE: University of Maryland Medical Center
Establishment of 16 Intensive Care Unit Beds
In Two Modular Buildings

EM-H20-24-038
Docket No.

DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY PROJECT

This Emergency Certificate of Need authorizes the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) to establish additional temporary medical/surgical/gynecological/addictions inpatient bed capacity consisting of 16 intensive care unit (ICU) beds to be located in two temporary modular building on the UMMC campus at the corner of South Greene Street and West Lombard Street in Baltimore City, directly across from UMMC's Gudelsky entrance (the Site). UMMC anticipates that the 16 ICU beds will become operational on December 2, 2020.

ORDER

Upon consideration of UMMC's request, 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 November 24, 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 UMMC 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 initially 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

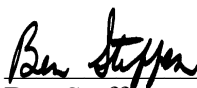
This Emergency Certificate of Need will be considered for confirmation by the Maryland Health Care Commission at its next scheduled meeting on December 17, 2020 or at an earlier date of which the hospital will be notified. This Emergency Certificate of Need initially remains in effect for a maximum of 165 days, as provided in COMAR 10.24.01.20C, or until 30 days after the termination of the state of emergency initially declared by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. on March 5, 2020. The Emergency CON may be extended beyond that date for good cause shown.

CONDITION OF EMERGENCY CERTIFICATE OF NEED

Because it is important that the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Office of Health Care Quality know when the intensive care unit beds approved in this Emergency Certificate of Need are available for patients, it is further

ORDERED that University of Maryland Medical Center shall advise MHCC staff and OHCQ staff when the ICU beds become operational at the Site, disclosing: (1) the number of intensive care units beds in this Emergency CON that become available for patients; and (2) the date the beds become available. The hospital shall: notify MHCC staff by sending an email with this information to ruby.potter@maryland.gov; and notify OHCQ staff of this temporary increase in its licensed bed capacity by completing OHCQ's Application for Temporary Adjustment of Hospital Beds, which is located at: <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/c7e6598943c84dd2ba9e39859a9f3383>.

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Ben Steffen
Executive Director

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