



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Ben Steffen, Executive Director
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 Capitol Regional Health – Prince George’s Medical Center.

University of Maryland Capitol Regional Health – Prince George’s Medical Center has requested approval and licensure for a 10 (ten) inpatient bed psychiatric unit for COVID positive patients to be located in the alternate care site located at the facility previously licensed as Laurel Regional Medical Center. The unit is being renovated and should become operational no later than January 15, 2021.

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 10 (ten) beds can be provisionally licensed as part of University of Maryland Capitol Regional Health –Prince George’s Medical Center.

Sincerely,

Renee B. Webster

Renee B. Webster, Deputy Director, Federal Programs