

# MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

## Emergency Certificate of Need

**TO:** Mohan Suntha, M.D., President & CEO  
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March 22, 2020  
Date

Joseph L. Wright, M.D., Interim President  
University of Maryland Capital Region Health System  
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Cheverly, Maryland 20785

**RE:** Establishment of 135-Bed Temporary Remote  
Location of UM Prince George's Hospital Center at  
Facility Previously Known as Laurel Regional Hospital

EM-H20-16-004  
Docket No.

### DESCRIPTION OF EMERGENCY PROJECT

This Emergency Certificate of Need authorizes Dimensions Health Corporation d/b/a University of Maryland Capital Region Health (UM Capital Region Health) to establish additional temporary inpatient bed capacity consisting of 135 medical/surgical/gynecological/addictions (MSGAs) beds at a temporary remote location of the University of Maryland Prince George's Hospital Center to be located on floors 3, 4, and 5 of the facility previously known as Laurel Regional Hospital, 7400 Van Dusen Road, Laurel (Prince George's County), Maryland (the Site), at an estimated cost of \$7.0 million. Of the 135 MSGA beds, 10 will be intensive care unit beds, and 12 will be intermediate care unit beds. UM Capital Region Health anticipates that the project can be completed in four weeks.

### ORDER

Upon consideration of the request of UM Capital Region Health, 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 March 22, 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 UM Capital Region Health 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 declared by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. on March 5, 2020.

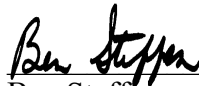
### **Approvals by Maryland Department of Health**

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 April 16, 2020. 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 declared by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. on March 5, 2020. The Emergency CON may be extended beyond that date for good cause shown.

## **MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION**



Ben Steffen  
Executive Director

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