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Ben Steffen, Executive Director
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore MD 21215

Dear Mr. Steffen,

Based on the 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 Prince Georges Medical Center..

University of Maryland Prince Georges Medical Center has proposed reopening inpatient hospital space at its University of Maryland Laurel Medical Center. While the facility is still in operation as a freestanding medical facility the inpatient beds were closed in January 2019. The hospital will reactivate the facility to a 135 bed inpatient hospital that has 135 beds. This will include 10 intensive care beds, 12 intermediate care beds and 76 medical surgical beds. The hospital can begin to reactivate the beds with an anticipated timeline of 30 days.

The Office of Health Care Quality recommends this emergency certificate of need should be approved on an emergency basis and based on the information provided by the hospital can be provisionally licensed.

Please contact me if you have any questions at (410)402-8090 or (443)681-0278.

Sincerely,

Renee B. Webster, Deputy Director Federal Programs