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Re: Withdrawal of Request for Exemption from Certificate of Need  
Review / Request to Modify Existing Exemption from Certificate of  
Need Review for Merger and Consolidation of University of Maryland  
Shore Medical Center at Dorchester and University of Maryland Shore  
Medical Center at Chestertown

Dear Mr. Steffen:

We write on behalf of Shore Health System, Inc. (“SHS”) and University of Maryland Shore Regional Health, Inc. (“UM SRH”) to withdraw the following pending requests: (1) request for exemption for Certificate of Need (“CON”) approval to merge and consolidate UM SMC at Dorchester and UM SMC at Chestertown by relocating UM SMC at Dorchester’s inpatient psychiatric services to UM SMC at Chestertown; and (2) request to modify the existing exemption from Certificate of Need (“CON”) review for the relocation of beds and services from UM SMC at Dorchester to UM SMC at Easton.

The primary rationale for the Chestertown requests was to support the continued viability of UM SMC at Chestertown as an important health care facility serving the population in Kent, Queen Anne’s, Talbot, Caroline, and Dorchester Counties. UM SRH remains committed to preserving the viability of UM SMC at Chestertown and has determined to pursue other available approaches in collaboration with the Maryland Health Care Commission and other Maryland regulatory agencies.

In light of the withdrawal of these requests, SHS and UM SRH will implement the previously granted CON exemption to relocate MSGA and psychiatric beds from UM SMC at Dorchester to UM SMC at Easton, approved on April 18, 2019.

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Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,



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