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Ben Steffen
Executive Director
Maryland Health Care Commission
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Dear Mr. Steffen,

As you are aware, the University of Maryland Capital Region Health, University of Maryland Prince George's Hospital Center, and University of Maryland Laurel Regional Hospital are seeking approval from the Maryland Health Care Commission to convert the University of Maryland Laurel Regional Hospital to a freestanding medical facility, as well as for an exemption from Certificate of Need (CON) review for the proposed conversion.

The Maryland Health Care Commission will determine whether to approve the request for exemption from the CON requirement based on a number of factors, including whether the conversion "will maintain adequate and appropriate delivery of emergency care within the statewide emergency medical services system as determined by the State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board." Health General 19-120 (o)(3)(i)5C. In making this determination, the State EMS Board is required to consider eleven (11) factors specified in regulation. COMAR 30.08.15.03.

Please be advised that at its meeting on July 10, 2018, the State EMS Board reviewed and discussed an analysis of the COMAR-enumerated factors. After consideration of these factors, the State EMS Board unanimously determined that the proposed conversion of University of Maryland Laurel Regional Hospital to a freestanding medical facility will maintain adequate and appropriate delivery of emergency care within the statewide emergency medical services system. Attached is a copy of the analysis that provided the basis for the Board's determination.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I may provide any further information.

Sincerely,

Patricia S. Gainer, JD, MPA
Acting Co-Executive Director

Enclosure

Cc: Trudy Hall, MD
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