



MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

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June 25, 2020

VIA Email

Andre Pelegri
Vice President of Finance & Business Development
CMDS Residential, LLC
722 Rock Creek Road NW
Unit 2
Washington, DC 20010

Re: CMDS Residential, LLC- Matter No. 20-24-2441

Dear Mr. Pelegri:

Commission staff has reviewed the application from the CMDS Residential, LLC for Certificate of Need (CON) approval to establish a 59-bed Track Two Level 3.7 and 3.7WM medically monitored intensive inpatient treatment program in Baltimore City. There is no capital cost associated with this project. There are parts of this application for which staff requests clarification and further information. In order to satisfy this request, please provide answers to the following questions:

Background Information

1. Provide additional details about CMDS Residential, LLC's operation, history, and experience.
 - Provide similar information about any parent or related companies and companies owned or operated by CMDS Residential, LLC or its parent company. This includes any outpatient facilities, such as Turning Point Clinic.

State Health Plan

2. In regards to Sliding Fee Scale (Section .05C.), provide additional information regarding how you determine a client's ability to pay.

- For example, is a worksheet or application involved? If so, please describe it and its uses and provide a copy.
3. In regards to Outpatient Alcohol & Drug Abuse Programs (Section .05O.), confirm that the programs with which you have agreements provide the services described in this section (i.e. individual needs assessment and evaluation; individual, family, and group counseling; aftercare; and information and referral for at least one year after each patient's discharge from the intermediate care facility). If this information is included in your discharge policy, please provide an exact citation and excerpt the relevant information.

Criteria

Need

4. Provide a brief explanation as to why CMDS utilized the Track One methodology to justify its bed need.
5. Provide additional details regarding the wait lists of other Track Two ICFs, wait times of patients seeking access to Levels 3.7 and 3.7WM care, recent data on overdose cases in the Central Region of Maryland, and any other data that supports CMDS's need claims.

Availability of More Cost-Effective Alternatives

6. In your discussion of alternatives, an explanation of why each alternative was not cost-effective was included. Conversely, please explain why the project that CMDS has chosen to pursue is the most cost-effective.

General Information

7. Will policies/procedures, such as Infection Control/PPD, be updated with new COVID precautions?

Please submit four copies of the responses to above questions and requests for additional information within ten working days of receipt. Also, submit the response electronically, in both Word and PDF format, to Ruby Potter (ruby.potter@maryland.gov) and Laura Hare (laura.hare1@maryland.gov). If additional time is needed to prepare a response, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

As with the request itself, all information supplementing the request must be signed by person(s) available for cross-examination on the facts set forth in the supplementary information, who shall sign a statement as follows: "I hereby declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that the facts stated in this application and its attachments are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief."

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Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (804) 347-6024.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Laura H. Hare". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Laura" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Hare".

Laura Hare Nirschl, Program Manager
Certificate of Need Division

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