

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Certificate of Need

TO: John Beecroft,
Chief Operating Officer,
Alpas Wellness La Plata, LLC.
1014 Washington Avenue
La Plata, Maryland 20646

June 15, 2023
Date

RE: Alpas Wellnes La Plata, LLC.
Intermediate Care Facility

22-02-2462
Docket No.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This Certificate of Need authorizes Alpas Wellness La Plata, LLC. (Alpas) to establish a 36 bed Track One Intermediate Care Facility for adults providing Level 3.7 Medically Monitored Intensive Inpatient and Level 3.7WM, Medically Monitored Intensive Inpatient Withdrawal Management (Detoxification) services. The proposed Level 3.7/3.7WM ICF will operate as part of a 108-bed alcoholism and drug abuse, eating disorder, gambling and sex addiction center in La Plata.

The 36 3.7/3.7WM beds will be located on the first floor of a renovated three-story assisted living facility. The total project cost is \$42,637,500, with the costs attributed to the ICF totaling \$8,703,802.

ORDER

The Maryland Health Care Commission reviewed staff's Recommended Decision and, based on that analysis and the record in the review, ordered on June 15, 2023 that a Certificate of Need be issued authorizing Alpas Wellness La Plata. to include ASAM level III.7 and 3.7WM at its facility in La Plata, MD. This authorization constitutes the establishment of a 36 bed Track Two Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Intermediate Care Facility serving primarily privately funded patients, with the following conditions:

1. Alpas Wellness La Plata shall document the provision of a minimum of 15% of patient days to indigent and gray area patients, as defined at COMAR 10.24.14.08B(9) and (11), by submitting annual reports auditing its total days and the provision of days to indigent and gray area patients as a percentage of total days.

Such audit reports shall be submitted to the Commission each July first following the issuance of first use approval and continuing for five years thereafter .

2. Alpas Wellness La Plata shall document that it has posted a statement of charges and information regarding the range and types of its services online and affirm that this statement of charges and information will be posted in a prominent place in the registration areas of its ICF and that it will also provide the statement of charges and the information of services to the public upon request.
3. Alpas Wellness La Plata must receive preliminary accreditation for the Level 3.7 services it will provide, including withdrawal management and post-withdrawal treatment programming, by The Joint Commission (TJC) or another accrediting body approved by the Maryland Department of Health prior to First Use approval by the Commission, and must timely receive final accreditation by TJC or another approved accrediting body. [COMAR 10.24.14.05H]
4. Alpas Wellness La Plata shall notify the Commission and the Behavioral Health Administration, in writing, within fifteen days after it receives notice that its accreditation has been revoked or suspended or should it lose its State license. If its accreditation has been revoked or suspended for reasons related to health or safety or it loses its State license, Alpas Wellness La Plata shall cease operation until the Behavioral Health Administration notifies the Commission that the deficiencies have been corrected. [COMAR 10.24.14.05H]
5. Prior to first use, Alpas Wellness La Plata shall provide documentation of its transfer and referral agreements, in the form of letters of agreement or acknowledgement from Acute care hospitals; Halfway houses, therapeutic communities, long-term care facilities, and local alcohol and drug abuse intensive and other outpatient programs; Local community mental health center or center(s); The jurisdiction's mental health and alcohol and drug abuse authorities; The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration and the Mental Hygiene Administration; and The jurisdiction's agencies that provide prevention, education, driving-while-intoxicated programs, family counseling, and other services. [COMAR 10.24.14.05L]

PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with COMAR 10.24.01.12C(3)(c), this project is subject to the following performance requirement:

Documentation that the approved project has been implemented, licensed, met all legal requirements, and is providing the approved services no later than 18 months after the effective date of CON approval (i.e., by December 15, 2024).

1. Obligation of not less than 51 percent of the approved capital expenditure, as documented by a binding construction contract, within 18 months of the date of this Certificate of Need;
2. Initiation of construction no later than four months after the effective date of the binding construction contract; and
3. Documentation that the approved project has been completed, has been licensed, and has met all legal requirements and is providing the approved services no later than 18 months after the effective date of the binding construction contract.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO APPROVED PROJECT

Before making any project changes in the Certificate of Need application approved by the Commission, Pascal must notify the Commission in writing and receive Commission approval of each proposed change, including the obligation of any funds above those approved by the Commission in this Certificate of Need, in accordance with COMAR 10.24.01.17.

DESIGN APPROVAL AND FACILITIES LICENSURE BY MDH

This Certificate of Need does not constitute a license or replace any approvals required by the Behavioral Health Administration, or others within the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to construct and operate new space added to an existing facility, or to renovate space within an existing facility, Pascal. must provide MDH with all information it requires for plan approval, facility licensure, and putting into operation new space added to an existing facility, or renovated space within an existing facility, including information pertaining to project design and specifications.

QUARTERLY STATUS REPORTS

Alpas must submit quarterly status reports to the Commission, beginning August 18, 2023, three months from the date of this Certificate of Need, and continuing, at three-month intervals, until the completion of the project.

REQUEST FOR FIRST USE REVIEW

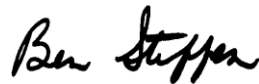
Alpas must request a first use approval from the Commission and the Behavioral Health Administration or others in the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) specifying the anticipated date of first use. Such request must be in writing and made before the first use of its newly renovated space for the Track Two Intermediate Care Facility.. The Commission will review the request in consultation with the Behavioral Health Administration, as provided in COMAR 10.24.01.18, and the Behavioral Health Administration, as appropriate, to determine whether the project conforms to this Certificate of Need. First use approval does not constitute a license or

replace any approvals required by OHCQ, BHA, or others within MDH to use renovated space within an existing facility. Therefore, Pascal should assure that BHA is notified of the imminent completion of the project and should arrange for completion of any inspections and or approvals required by BHA in a timely manner. First use approval remains in effect for 90 days. If first use of the project does not occur within 90 days of approval, Pascal shall reapply for first use approval.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED

Acknowledgement of your receipt of this Certificate of Need, stating acceptance of its terms and conditions, is required within thirty (30) days.

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION



Ben Steffen
Executive Director

cc: Marta Harting, Esquire
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