



MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

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By E-Mail

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**Re: Adventist HealthCare White Oak Medical Center
Request for Change to a CON Condition
Docket No. 15-13-2349**

Dear Mr. Sollins,

I write in response to the request of Adventist HealthCare, Inc. (Adventist) to modify the condition placed on the Certificate of Need (CON), Docket No. 15-13-2349, issued by the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) to Adventist for the relocation of Washington Adventist Hospital to the White Oak area of Silver Spring, Maryland. MHCC staff requires additional information on this request.

The condition requires Adventist to operate an urgent care center (UCC) on its former Takoma Park campus and requires that the UCC “must be open every day of the year and be open 24 hours a day.” Adventist requests that MHCC modify this condition to require operation of the UCC only 12 hours per day.

MHCC staff requires the following information.

1. Exhibit A shows the visit volumes experienced by the Takoma Park UCC as well as Adventist’s other three urgent care centers during the period from August 2019 through July 2020. Please provide visit volume for these centers for the months of August through November of 2020.
2. Exhibit D displays the Takoma Park UCC visit volumes for two time periods, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. MHCC staff requires a more granular display of the visit volume during the second time period. Please provide visit volume information for the periods of 8 p.m. to 10 p.m., 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., and 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. As in the question above, expand the reporting period to include the most recent months.

3. Has Adventist discussed this proposed change with the City of Takoma Park? If so, what response did Adventist receive from City officials on this proposed change?

4. What is the status of plans that Adventist discussed with MHCC staff of possibly developing a more conventional UCC in the Takoma Park area at a more easily accessible site than its former hospital campus?

5. What is the distance and travel time between the Adventist Takoma Park UCC and the alternative UCCs noted in exhibits to Adventist's filing? Please also address access to each of these UCCs: (a) by public transportation; and (b) by medically underserved persons in the Takoma Park area.

Please provide the requested information at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin McDonald", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Kevin McDonald
Chief, Certificate of Need Division

cc: Suellen Wideman, AAG