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April 17, 2019

Regina Bodnar, Executive Director
Carroll Hospice
929 Stoner Avenue
Westminster, Maryland 21157

Re: Determination of Coverage
Add General Inpatient Beds to Carroll Hospice
Docket No. 18-06-2433

Dear Ms. Bodnar:

As you know, on March 29, 2019, the Commission docketed Carroll Hospice's application for a Certificate of Need (CON) to add six general inpatient (GIP) beds at its existing inpatient hospice in Westminster, Maryland. I am writing to notify you that, as a result of the enactment into law on April 5, 2019 of Maryland Laws Chapter 15 (HB 626), CON review is no longer needed for an existing, currently licensed Maryland general hospice to add inpatient beds. See Md. Code Ann., Health – General § 19-120(h)(2)(iv).

Carroll Hospice's CON application estimated the capital cost of adding the six GIP beds to be \$1,815,000, which is under the current capital review threshold for a non-hospital project. For this reason, I am issuing Carroll Hospice this determination of coverage that its project to increase its GIP beds from eight to 14 does not require CON review and approval. Thus, Commission staff will dismiss Carroll Hospice's CON application as unnecessary.

Please contact me at 410-764-3565 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Steffen'.

Ben Steffen
Executive Director

cc: The Honorable Susan W. Krebs
Edwin Singer, L.E.H.S., Health Officer, Carroll County
Tricia Tomsko Nay, M.D., Executive Director, OHCQ
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