



MARYLAND
Health Care
Commission

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SHORE REGIONAL HEALTH, INC.

REQUEST FOR PROJECT CHANGE
AFTER COMMISSION APPROVAL

SEPTEMBER 18, 2025



University of Maryland Shore Medical Center (UM SMC)

- ▶ Located in Easton, Talbot County
- ▶ 98 acute care beds, 6 operating rooms, and 2 cardiac cath labs
- ▶ Received approval in January 2024 to build a new replacement hospital 3 miles from the existing facility
- ▶ The replacement hospital to have 110 acute care beds, 7 operating rooms and 2 cardiac cath labs
- ▶ Total project cost of \$540 million



Requested Project Change

- ▶ Reduce the number of operating rooms from 7 to 6
- ▶ Reduce the number of cardiac cath labs from 2 to 1
 - ▶ The Electrophysiology lab would serve as secondary cardiac cath lab
- ▶ The resultant \$2.8 million cost reduction to be used for expected overage in building construction costs.
- ▶ The requested changes would not affect the number of patients to be served due to increases in efficiency at the hospital.



Staff Recommendation

- ▶ The requested project change :
 - ▶ Is a permissible modification, and it does not materially change the nature of the project, the location, or the core service capacities.
 - ▶ Would not alter the findings made in 2024 concerning the need or positive impact of constructing a replacement hospital in Easton.
- ▶ Staff recommends that the Commission **APPROVE** the Request for a Project Change after Commission Approval bound by the conditions in the original CON and Certificate of Conformance.