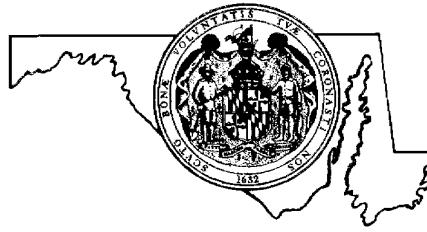


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Re: Notice of Postings; Ruling on Request
Hope Health Systems, Inc.
Application for Certificate of Need
Docket No.: 20-03-2444

Dear Ms. Harting, Mr. Buck, and Ms. Farrakhan:

I am providing notice that Commission staff has posted the following documents regarding the CON application by Hope Health Systems, Inc. (Hope Health): the applicant's April 26, 2021 response to staff's April 12, 2021 completeness questions on Hope Health's March 15 modified application; and the applicant's August 19, 2021 response to questions that I asked on August 5, 2021. Thus, the clock has begun to run for filing of comments on Hope Health's clarifications to its application as set out in its responses to those questions. I request that comments be filed on or before October 4, 2021.

I will permit Hope Health to respond to interested party comments, if any, within 10 days of receipt of the comments. I note that such a response to comments is limited and that the applicant is not permitted to provide new or different information. No additional filings are permitted unless I approve such filings in advance.

Hope Health has requested that it be permitted to file comments on the August 9, 2021 and September 9, 2021 responses by staff of the Health Services Cost Review (HSCRC) to requests that it review Hope Health's filings in its application and provide an opinion on the financial

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feasibility of the project. Because I do not see a need for additional filings regarding HSCRC staff's opinion, Hope Health's request is denied.

Please continue to send filings in PDF format by email to the parties in this review, to Ms. Ruby Potter, and to others copied on the email by which this letter ruling is sent. In addition, please send a copy of all filings to Ms. Potter in Word format, since having the filing in that format will assist me in this review.

I remind all parties that this is a contested case and that the *ex parte* prohibitions in the Administrative Procedure Act, Maryland Code Ann., State Gov't §10-219, apply to this proceeding until the Commission issues a final decision.

Sincerely,



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