



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Office of Health Care Quality
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Ben Steffen, Executive Director
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215

Dear Mr. Steffen,

As you are aware, on March 5, 2020, Governor Hogan issued a proclamation that a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency exists in Maryland, due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Based on the increased need for acute general hospital beds due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of Health Care Quality is requesting that the Maryland Health Care Commission apply its authority under COMAR 10.24.01.20 to grant an emergency certificate of need to University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center to establish a 16 bed MSGA care unit.

University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center has requested approval and licensure for a 16 bed MSGA unit to be located on the first floor of the hospital. This space is currently used for outpatient clinics. The clinics will be relocated to the modular units located on the hospital's parking lot. These units were transferred from the previously operated University of Maryland Prince Georges Medical Center. The hospital space is being renovated and equipped to be available for operation for possible new surges in COVID 19 cases. The hospital is requesting the emergency certificate of need be approved until April 30, 2023.

The Office of Health Care Quality recommends this certificate of need should be approved on an emergency basis for these 16 beds, based on the information provided by the hospital.

Sincerely,

Renee B. Webster

Renee B. Webster, Deputy Director
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