

Comprehensive Women's Health Program Close to Home

January 21, 2020

To: Friends, Family and Colleagues

From: Obstetrics Certificate-of-Need Team

We are excited to share our vision to develop a comprehensive women's health program at Doctors Community Hospital. With many residents traveling outside of Prince George's County for care, we aim to provide such services right here in our community. You can help!

A key component of this program will be obstetrics services. To provide this new service at our hospital, we are required to submit to the Maryland Health Care Commission a certificate-of-need (CON) application – a legal document that grants entities permission to provide certain new services or build new facilities. Letters of support are a very important part of this process. Let your voice be heard by submitting a letter that will be included with our CON application.

Please follow these easy steps to submit a letter:

1. Review the attached sample letters or visit the “community” section at LuminisHealth.org
2. Use one of the samples to write your letter or modify it to fit your story and style
3. Use your letterhead or a blank page with your return address
4. Address your letter to Kevin McDonald, Chief, Certificate of Need Division of the Maryland Health Care Commission, as indicated on the attached samples
5. Return your letter no later than **March 13, 2020**, to:
 - a. Mail
Doctors Community Hospital
Executive Offices
c/o Leslie Christian
8118 Good Luck Road
Lanham, Maryland 20706
 - b. Email or Fax
Leslie Christian at lchristian@DCHweb.org or 240-965-8460

We look forward to receiving your letter of support. We greatly appreciate your willingness to help us provide Prince Georgians with the care they need and deserve in our community.

Please write your letter on your letterhead or a blank page with your return address. Also, return the letter to Doctors Community Hospital for inclusion with our CON application.

_____, ____ 2020

Kevin McDonald, Chief
Certificate of Need
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
Baltimore, Maryland 21215-2299

Subject: Letter of Support – Doctors Community Hospital’s Certificate-of-Need Application,
Obstetrics Services

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I am writing to offer my strong support for the certificate-of-need application submitted by Doctors Community Hospital (DCH) to establish obstetrics services on its campus in Lanham as part of a comprehensive women’s health program.

Doctors Community Hospital has a history of providing high-quality and compassionate care that meets the growing needs of area residents. As my hospital of choice, I’m excited to learn of DCH’s new plans to offer increased women’s health services with obstetrics as a core component.

The 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment’s report that Prince Georgians currently deliver about eight out of 10 babies outside of our county highlights the significant need for more obstetrics and related services in our area. The hospital’s proposed women’s health program will allow more women to deliver their babies closer to where they live and work, enhance both prenatal and postnatal care, and help both women and babies maintain and improve their overall health and well-being.

I understand and appreciate that the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) must approve hospitals’ plans to develop obstetrics programs. I fully support this project and hope the MHCC understands how this initiative will contribute to the overall health of county residents.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Signature

Printed Name

cc: Doctors Community Hospital

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Dear Mr. McDonald:

As a _____, I appreciate the opportunity to offer my support for Doctors Community Hospital’s (DCH) certificate-of-need application to establish obstetrics services on its campus in Lanham as part of a comprehensive women’s health program.

DCH has a history of providing high-quality and compassionate care that meets the growing needs of area residents. As my hospital of choice, I’m excited to learn of its new plans to offer increased women’s health services with obstetrics as a core component.

The 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment report that Prince Georgians currently deliver about eight out of 10 babies outside of our county highlights the significant need for more obstetrics and related services in our area. The hospital’s proposed women’s health program will allow more women to deliver their babies closer to where they live and work, enhance both prenatal and postnatal care, and help both women and babies maintain and improve their overall health and well-being.

DCH is among the Health Services Cost Review Commission’s top ten in Maryland for overall patient safety, reduction of hospital acquired conditions and reduction of all-cause 30-day readmissions. I urge the Maryland Health Care Commission to approve this wonderful hospital’s CON application so more people can receive great care.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Signature

Printed Name

cc: Doctors Community Hospital

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Dear Mr. McDonald:

As a _____ who practices in Prince George’s County, I strongly support the hospital’s certificate-of-need application to establish obstetrics services on its campus in Lanham as part of a comprehensive women’s health program.

Doctors Community Hospital (DCH) has a history of providing high-quality and compassionate care that meets the growing needs of area residents. I’m excited to learn of its new plans to offer increased women’s health services with obstetrics as a core component.

The 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment indicates that Prince Georgians currently deliver about eight out of 10 babies outside of our county, highlighting the significant need for additional obstetrics and related services in our area. Having access to more top-quality obstetrics services right here in Prince George’s County will help many of my patients maintain and improve their health and well-being as well as the health of their babies. The ability to deliver babies closer to where my patients live and work will also enhance both pre-natal and postpartum care.

I have no doubt that DCH will develop an excellent obstetrics program at least equal to other programs in the region. If DCH is granted a certificate of need, I will deliver babies at its new obstetrics facility and anticipate that many of my patients will go to DCH for their deliveries and related services. I estimate that I would deliver approximately _____ babies at the new obstetrics program at Doctors Community Hospital.

DCH is among the Health Services Cost Review Commission’s top ten in Maryland for overall patient safety, reduction of hospital acquired conditions and reduction of all-cause 30-day readmissions. I urge the Maryland Health Care Commission to approve this hospital’s CON application so more people can receive increased access to great obstetrics care.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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Signature

Printed Name

cc: Doctors Community Hospital

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Dear Mr. McDonald:

I am a resident of Prince George’s County who had a baby at Anne Arundel Medical Center in _____. I wholeheartedly support Doctors Community Hospital’s certificate-of-need application to establish new obstetrics services as part of a comprehensive women’s health program on its campus in Lanham.

Doctors Community Hospital (DCH) has a history of providing high-quality and compassionate care that meets the growing needs of area residents. I’m excited to learn of DCH’s new plans to offer increased women’s health services including obstetrics as a core component.

According to the 2019 Community Health Needs Assessment, Prince Georgians like me currently deliver about eight out of 10 babies outside of our county. Consistent with my experience, this statistic highlights the significant need for more obstetrics and related women’s health services in our area. The hospital’s proposed program will allow more people to receive top quality obstetrics services right here in Prince George’s County, which will enhance both prenatal as well as postnatal care and improve the health and well-being of mothers and their babies. Prince George’s County residents need and deserve this type of top quality care.

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