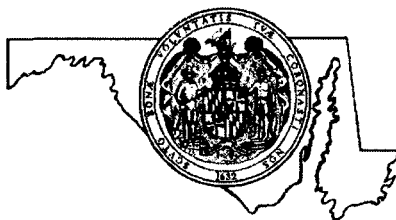


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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Commissioners

**FROM:** Eileen Fleck, Acting Chief *E.F.*  
Specialized Services Policy and Planning

**DATE:** February 21, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Waiver Renewal Requests from Frederick Memorial Hospital and Meritus Medical Center to Provide Primary Percutaneous Coronary Intervention without On-Site Cardiac Surgery

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The following reports analyze the compliance of Frederick Memorial Hospital (FMH) and Meritus Medical Center (MMC) with requirements for providing primary percutaneous coronary intervention (“pPCI”) at a hospital without on-site cardiac surgery services. Each hospital received a two-year waiver to provide such services on February 17, 2011 and has requested another renewal of its waiver. In addition to pPCI services, each hospital also provides non-primary PCI (“npPCI”) and recently received approval to continue providing npPCI services without obtaining a Certificate of Conformance. The requirements for hospitals to provide pPCI services include compliance with all the requirements for providing npPCI.

Commission Staff finds that FMH and MMC have each met the required standards for providing pPCI services and recommends that the Commission approve each hospital’s waiver renewal request.