



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Monica VanSickle

**FROM:** Alankrita Olson, Chief of Acute Care Planning

**DATE:** May 12, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Center  
Certificate of Ongoing Performance for Primary and Elective Percutaneous  
Coronary Intervention Services  
Docket No. 24-13-CP050

Enclosed is the staff report and recommendation in the review of the Certificate of Ongoing Performance (COP) for primary and elective percutaneous coronary intervention services application by Johns Hopkins Howard County Medical Center (JH HCMC). The relevant State Health Plan (SHP) chapter considered in the review of this project is COMAR 10.24.17, State Health Plan for Facilities and Services: Specialized Health Care Services - Cardiac Surgery & Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Services.

Staff recommend that the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) approve the JH HCMC COP application with the following condition for failure to meet the standard to evaluate the performance of each interventionalist through an internal or external review as detailed in COMAR 10.24.17C(4)(d) and 10.24.17D(5)(c):

JH HCMC shall evaluate the performance of each interventionalist through an internal or external review, by completing an annual review of at least 10 cases, or 10 percent of randomly selected PCI cases, whichever is greater, and all cases if the interventionalist performed fewer than 10 cases at the hospital, as required in COMAR 10.24.17.07C(4)(d). The hospital shall submit to Commission staff the number of PCI cases completed by each interventionalist, along with a list of cases reviewed for each interventionalist, for each six-month period, by February 1 and August 1 of each year, beginning with the list of cases reviewed for each interventionalists from January through June 2026, which is due on August 1, 2026. This condition is in effect until at least August 2028, to document compliance with this condition. After this date, the Executive Director may release JH HCMC from the reporting requirement if the Executive Director determines that the hospital has achieved substantial compliance with this condition.

This matter will be placed on the agenda of a meeting of the Maryland Health Care Commission on May 21, 2026, which begins at 1:00 p.m. at 4160 Patterson Avenue in Baltimore. This meeting will be a “hybrid” meeting at which Commissioners and persons with matters before the Commission may attend in person or attend virtually through a Zoom webinar format. The link to register to attend the meeting virtually will be placed on the Commission’s meeting page:

<https://mhcc.maryland.gov/meetings>. After registering, each person will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the Commission meeting via Zoom. The Commission will issue a final decision based on the proceedings.

As provided in COMAR 10.24.01.09B, an applicant or interested party may submit written exceptions to the enclosed recommendation. Written exceptions must identify specifically those findings or conclusions to which exception is taken, citing the portions of the record on which each exception is based. Copies of exceptions and responses to exceptions must be communicated to all parties by the due date and time shown below.

Oral argument during the hearing before the Commission will be limited to 10 minutes for the applicant, unless extended by the Chairman. The schedule for the submission of exceptions and any response to exceptions is as follows:

Submission of exceptions: Monday, May 18, 2026, by 12:00 pm.

Commission Meeting: Thursday May 21, 2026, at 1:00 p.m.

If you have questions about this request, please contact Dr. Olson via email at [alankrita.olson@maryland.gov](mailto:alankrita.olson@maryland.gov).

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