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To: EMS Operational Programs
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From: Timothy Chizmar, MD, FACEP
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RE: University of Maryland Laurel Medical Center – Change in Designation from Acute Care Hospital to Freestanding Emergency Medical Facility

Effective January 1, 2019, University of Maryland Laurel Medical Center, located at 7300 Van Dusen Road, Laurel, Maryland 20707 will be recognized by MIEMSS as a freestanding emergency medical facility (FEMF).

Although Laurel will no longer be functioning as an acute care hospital with a hospital-based emergency department, it will retain its base station designation and can provide medical consultation.

As a reminder, the *Maryland Medical Protocols for EMS Providers* permit transport of stable priority 2, 3, or 4 patients who do not need a time-critical intervention to a MIEMSS-designated FEMF. Priority 1 patients with an unsecured airway or in extremis, who require stabilization beyond the capability of the EMS crew (e.g. cardiac or respiratory arrest) may also be transported to a FEMF.

For further information on this matter, please contact your MIEMSS Regional Administrator or the MIEMSS Office of the Medical Director.

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