

From: GE Healthcare USCAN

To: Valued GE Healthcare Supplier (Maryland)

Re: Maryland Executive Order No. 20-03-23-01 and urgent request for supply of critical parts to support essential health care technology production

Dear Valued Supplier,

To help meet the urgent requirements of healthcare institutions and healthcare professionals battling the global COVID-19 pandemic, GE Healthcare is coordinating its global resources and devoting all of our efforts to producing urgently needed medical devices and ensuring the continuity of their supply. GE Healthcare has the unique opportunity and privilege to make an impact as healthcare providers work to contain this pandemic – and your partnership is critical.

Hospitals, healthcare institutions, and healthcare professionals desperately need more of these medical devices as quickly as possible. We have seen an increase in customer demand for medical equipment – including ventilators, mobile X-ray, CT systems, ultrasound and patient monitors. These critical medical devices are required for the triage and treatment of COVID-19 patients. Additionally, this equipment is used for early diagnosis, patient

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monitoring and life support, which are critical not only for prompt treatment of the virus, but also for patient isolation and effective public health containment and response.

You are one of the quality management system-certified suppliers in the state of Maryland for GE Healthcare. The parts you supply are **necessary** for the continued manufacture and production of our critical medical technology. Without this important part, GE Healthcare will be significantly delayed in terms of completing manufacture and delivery of technology to hospitals and healthcare institutions.

On March 23, 2020, Maryland Governor Larry Hogan issued Executive Order No. 20-03-23-01 that ordered the closure of non-essential businesses. The order controls the occupancy and use of all businesses, organizations, establishments, and facilities that are <u>not</u> part of the critical infrastructure sectors identified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency guidance. The DHS CISA Guidance which includes **Healthcare**, **public health operations**, **and health insurance companies**. Specifically included in the guidance are **medical device and equipment companies (including operations, research and development, manufacture, and supply chain).**

In the event that the State of Maryland requires any further information or approvals, please let us know immediately so that we can coordinate efforts to obtain those approvals. Finally, any assistance you can provide with the logistics for timely delivery of these critical parts is greatly appreciated.

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It is during times like these that we need to work together to make a difference in combating this pandemic. Please do not hesitate to contact us immediately should any further information be required.

Sincerely,

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