April 1, 2020

**VIA EMAIL (****COPN@VDH.Virginia.gov****)**

M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA

State Health Commissioner

 RE: **REQUEST FOR LICENSED BED INCREASE**

Birdmont Healthcare, LLC d/b/a “Carrington Place at Wytheville”

 Request for increase in bed capacity in response to novel coronavirus

 (COVID-19) pursuant to Executive Order 52

Dear Commissioner Oliver:

Please accept this as my request for an increase in licensed bed pursuant to Executive Order 52 and your letter dated March 24, 2020.

1. **Name and Address of Facility:**

Birdmont Healthcare, LLC d/b/a “Carrington Place at Wytheville”

990 Holston Rd, Wytheville VA 24382

1. **How many additional licensed beds requested:**

Twenty (20)

1. **The breakdown of requested beds by type:**

Skilled nursing home beds certified to bill Medicare and Medicaid.

1. **Specifically where the additional licensed beds will be located and if the proposed space currently meets life safety code requirements for the type of patients or residents expected to occupy the space.**

These beds will be in a renovated and separate portion of the facility that previously had been used, approved, and licensed for skilled nursing home beds. This area meets all fire and life safety code requirements for skilled nursing home residents.

1. **The planned use of the additional licensed beds.**

These beds will be used for patients who have tested positive for COVID-19 or are suspected to be infected with the Coronavirus.

1. **The plan for staffing the beds.**

The facility will staff these beds with existing staff.

1. **Additional considerations:**

There is a need for beds for COVID positive patients. A facility with a common management company, Carrington Place at Rural Retreat, has been asked by a hospital to take a resident with a suspected positive diagnosis of COVID. This facility lacks the ability to isolate this resident. As more residents are diagnoses with COVID, we are able to isolate these residents in one facility, in a segregated portion of the facility; therefore, keeping other resident safer and decreasing the potential spread of the disease.

We have access to an adequate supply of PPE to provide a safe working environment to the staff.

 Thank you for your consideration.

 Sincerely,

 R. B. Bridges, NHA

 CEO

 Traditions Senior Management