



## COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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April 7, 2020

Mr. R. B. Bridges  
Chief Executive Officer  
Traditions Senior Management  
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Clearwater, Florida 33763

**RE: Birdmont Healthcare, LLC d/b/a Carrington Place at Wytheville (4/1/2020)**  
Wytheville, Virginia  
Temporarily add 20 skilled nursing home beds at Carrington Place at Wytheville in  
response to COVID-19 crisis

Dear Mr. Bridges:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by Birdmont Healthcare, LLC, doing business as Carrington Place at Wytheville (CPW) to temporarily add 20 skilled nursing beds to its existing inventory. I have considered the factors listed in my March 24, 2020, letter and have concluded that **approval** of the request is warranted based on the following findings:

1. CPW has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, CPW and PD 3 have an immediate need to temporarily add 20 licensed skilled nursing beds.
2. CPW has provided assurances that it currently has the staff necessary to properly staff the additional 20 beds.
3. CPW's plan to expand bed capacity in existing space throughout the facility assures patient safety is maintained from a fire and life safety code perspective.
4. CPW has provided assurances that it currently has an adequate supply of personal protective equipment to provide a safe working environment for its staff.
5. The bed capacity expansion, as proposed by CPW, would allow CPW to immediately and effectively isolate up to 20 COVID-19 patients.

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In accordance with Executive Order 52, the 20 added beds are deemed to be licensed from the date an emailed notice is received by Robert Payne, Director of the Office of Licensure and Certification, that they are open. This authorization is valid for the period April 7, 2020, through 30 days after the expiration of, or rescission of, Executive Order 51, as it may be amended.

If you have any questions, please contact Robert Payne at (804) 367-2109, or [Robert.Payne@VDH.Virginia.gov](mailto:Robert.Payne@VDH.Virginia.gov). Thank you for your response to the community in this public health emergency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Norman Oliver MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the initials "MD" written in a distinct, bold style at the end.

M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA  
State Health Commissioner

cc: Allyson Tysinger, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia  
Erik Bodin, Director, Division of Certificate of Public Need  
Deborah K. Waite, Operations Manager, Virginia Health Information  
Karen E. Shelton, MD, District Director, Mount Rogers Health District  
Robert A. K. Payne, JD, Director, Office of Licensure and Certification