



Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center
Office of the President

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Re: **Request pursuant to Executive Order 52 seeking authorization to add 63 beds
At Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center, Portsmouth, Virginia (Planning District 20)**

Dear Dr. Oliver and Mr. Bodin:

Pursuant to Executive Order 52 issued by Governor Ralph Northam on March 20, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic situation, Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center (“Maryview”) requests the Commissioner’s authorization to operate 63 temporary additional beds to supplement normal operations to serve the anticipated needs of patients expected during the COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

Here are the details for our request.

<u>Hospital Name:</u>	Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center, LLC 3636 High Street Portsmouth, VA 23707
<u>Hospital License:</u>	H – 1830
<u>Current Approved Capacity:</u>	346 beds
<u>Requested Additional Capacity:</u>	63 beds - 49 intensive care beds and 14 medical/surgical beds Total of 409 beds operational

In accordance with CDC and CMS guidance and Governor Northam’s request, Maryview curtailed all non-essential inpatient and outpatient surgery effective March 23, 2020. As a result, hospital space is available for immediate use in response to the novel coronavirus threat.

All predictive analytics models used nationwide show that Virginia and the Hampton Roads area are expected to see a significant increase in hospitalizations related to COVID-19 in the next few weeks, and especially the utilization of intensive care beds and the significantly longer lengths of stay associated with those episodes of care. As a result, Maryview is preparing for this eventuality and redeploying its capacity.

Additional Beds

Maryview already has made plans to reclassify some of its medical/surgical beds to intensive care status. In addition, many of the current private rooms at Maryview were originally double occupancy, and Maryview is planning to resume double occupancy as necessary during this pandemic.

Maryview will also consider the use of private room inpatient beds currently classified as acute rehabilitation for med/surg purposes on a temporary basis during this pandemic.

However, to meet all the needs anticipated by the COVID-19, Maryview is requesting the addition of 63 beds – 14 med/surg and 49 ICU. Specifically, described below are the details of our request and the space in which the new beds would operate.

- 5 ICU beds by converting the infusion center space
- 7 ICU beds by converting the former nursery area which is currently vacant
- 11 ICU beds by converting the PreOp area
- 12 ICU beds by converting the PACU area
- 14 ICU beds by converting the cath holding area
- 14 med/surg by converting the former L&D area which is currently vacant

The “new” ICU beds are equipped with all necessary life safety code requirements such as oxygen, medical gases and vacuum capabilities.

Staffing

Staff temporarily displaced by the curtailing of non-essential and elective surgery that used to be performed at Maryview will be used to staff the additional intensive care beds and provide care in a safe and effective environment of care. In addition, Maryview is redeploying and cross training additional clinical staff from other elective and outpatient areas to provide patients safe and effective care in the temporary beds.

Availability of Medical Supplies and Personal Protective Equipment (“PPE”)

As part of Bon Secours Mercy Health, Maryview works with sister facilities in Hampton Roads, Richmond, and nationwide for access to all necessary medical supplies and PPE. Currently, the hospital is adequately supplied with all necessary medical supplies and PPE. In addition, we have started the reprocessing of N95 masks to ensure we have adequate PPE throughout the duration of our COVID-19 response.

Maryview stands ready to activate this conversion effective the week of April 13, 2020. Please let me know if you need any additional information to evaluate our request. I can also be reached by email at kate_brinn@bshsi.org.

Sincerely,



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