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April 13, 2020

Mr. Kevin Sheppard  
Interim President  
Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital  
5801 Bremo Road  
Richmond, Virginia 23226

**RE: Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital, LLC**

Richmond, Virginia

Temporarily add 19 ICU Beds at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in response to the COVID-19 crisis

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital, LLC ("St. Mary's") to temporarily add 19 ICU beds at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital. I have considered the factors listed in my March 24, 2020, letter; and I have concluded that **approval** of the request is warranted based on the following findings:

1. St. Mary's has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, St. Mary's has an immediate need to temporarily add 19 licensed inpatient beds.
2. St. Mary's plan for training and shifting ambulatory staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. St. Mary's plan and ability to obtain equipment and supplies is reasonable within the confines of the current crisis.
4. St. Mary's plan to expand bed capacity in existing hospital space throughout the campus assures patient safety is maintained from a fire and life safety code perspective.

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In accordance with Executive Order 52, the 19 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 13, 2020 through 30 days after the expiration of or rescission of Executive Order 52, 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,

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