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April 13, 2020

Mr. Nicholas C. Conte  
Executive Vice President & General Counsel Carillion Clinic  
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**RE: Carilion Giles Community Hospital**

Pearisburg, Virginia

Temporarily add 14 Beds at Carilion Giles Community Hospital in response to the COVID-19 crisis

Dear Mr. Conte:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by Carilion Giles Community Hospital (CGCH) to temporarily add 14 beds. 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. CGCH has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, CGCH has an immediate need to add temporarily 14 licensed inpatient beds.
2. CGCH's plan for training and shifting staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the requested beds.
3. CGCH's plan and ability to obtain equipment and supplies is reasonable within the confines of the current crisis.
4. CGCH's plan to expand bed capacity in existing hospital space assures patient safety is maintained from a fire and life safety code perspective.

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In accordance with Executive Order 52, the 14 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 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,

DocuSigned by:

*M. Norman Oliver, MD*

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