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April 10, 2020

Mr. Nicholas C. Conte
Executive Vice President and General Counsel
Carilion Clinic—Office of Corporate Counsel
213 S. Jefferson Street, Suite 1600
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RE: Carilion Medical Center d/b/a Carilion New River Valley Medical Center

Christiansburg, Virginia

Temporarily add 10 inpatient medical/surgical beds, 24 flex beds and 9 intensive care unit beds in response to COVID-19

Dear Mr. Conte:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by Carilion New River Valley Medical Center (New River Valley) to temporarily add 10 inpatient medical/surgical beds, 24 flex beds and 9 intensive care unit 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. New River Valley has demonstrated that, due to the sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care cases resulting from COVID-19 infection, Carilion New River Valley Medical Center has an immediate need to add temporarily 43 beds.
2. Carilion New River Valley Medical Center's plan for training and shifting staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the requested beds.
3. Carilion New River Valley Medical Center's plan and ability to obtain equipment and supplies is reasonable within the confines of the current crisis.
4. Carilion New River Valley Medical Center'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 43 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 9, 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. Thank you for your response to the community in this public health emergency.

Sincerely,

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M. Norman Oliver, MD
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Enclosures

cc: Allyson Tysinger, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia
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