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April 9, 2020

Mr. Nicholas C. Conte
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RE: Carilion Medical Center d/b/a Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital

Roanoke, Virginia

Temporarily add 54 inpatient medical/surgical beds and 20 intensive care unit beds in response to COVID-19 at Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital

Dear Mr. Conte:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital (Roanoke Memorial) to temporarily add 54 medical/surgical and 20 intensive care unit beds at Carilion Roanoke Memorial 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. Roanoke Memorial has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, Roanoke Memorial has an immediate need to temporarily add 54 medical/surgical beds and 20 intensive care unit beds.
2. Roanoke Memorial's plan for training and shifting existing staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. Roanoke Memorial's plan and ability to obtain equipment and supplies is reasonable within the confines of the current crisis.
4. Roanoke Memorial's plan to expand bed capacity in existing hospital space throughout the facility, while seeking variance in accordance with 12VAC5-410-30 where necessary, assures patient safety is maintained from a fire and life safety code perspective.

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In accordance with Executive Order 52, the 74 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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Enclosures

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