April 08, 2020

**VIA EMAIL (****COPN@VDH.Virginia.gov****)**

M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA

State Health Commissioner

 RE: **REQUEST FOR LICENSED BED INCREASE**

Botetourt Health Care, LLC d/b/a “Carrington Place at Botetourt”

 Request for increase in bed capacity in response to novel coronavirus

 (COVID-19) pursuant to Executive Order 52

Dear Commissioner Oliver:

Please accept this as my request for an increase in licensed bed pursuant to Executive Order 52 and your letter dated March 24, 2020.

1. **Name and Address of Facility:**

Botetourt Health Care, LLC d/b/a “Carrington Place at Botetourt”

290 Commons Parkway, VA 24368

Location of additional licensed beds:

Cplace MC Botetourt, LLC d/b/a “Carrington Cottage”

270 Commons Parkway, VA 24368

1. **How many additional licensed beds requested:**

Twenty-Two (22)

1. **The breakdown of requested beds by type:**

Skilled nursing home beds certified to bill Medicare and Medicaid.

1. **Specifically, where the additional licensed beds will be located and if the proposed space currently meets life safety code requirements for the type of patients or residents expected to occupy the space.**

These beds will be in a recently (2017) constructed Assisted Living Facility located directly next-door. These beds are currently unoccupied licensed assisted living beds. This area meets all fire and life safety code requirements for skilled nursing home residents.

1. **The planned use of the additional licensed beds.**

These beds will be used for low acuity skilled nursing patients.

1. **The plan for staffing the beds.**

The facility will staff these beds with existing staff.

1. **Additional considerations:**

This plan allows Carrington Place at Botetourt to expand licensed beds by 22, by utilizing empty and appropriate beds in the licensed assisted living facility directly next-door. This will be staffed by existing employees. This will open more skilled nursing home beds by accepting lower acuity, non-COVID-10 residents, into unused assisted living bed. This plan is consistent with the advice provided by the American Health Care Association and the National Center For Assisted Living, who recommend that, “ALs should consider accepting less acute, non-COVID-19 patients from other medical facilities (skilled nursing centers, LTACHs, etc.) in order to create more room at higher acuity facilities currently equipped to assist COVID-19 positive individuals being discharged from the hospital”. (See, statement dated April 4, 2020 attached.)

We have access to an adequate supply of PPE to provide a safe working environment to the staff, in the event this is needed.

 Thank you for your consideration.

 Sincerely,

 RB Bridges

 CEO

 Traditions Senior Management

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CC: April Morris, Executive Director - Cplace MC Botetourt, LLC d/b/a “Carrington Cottage”

 Nathan Libassi, Executive Director