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April 10, 2020

Mr. Reese Jackson  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
Chesapeake Regional Healthcare  
736 Battlefield Boulevard, North  
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**RE: Chesapeake Regional Medical Center (Request CRMC 4.7.20)**  
Chesapeake, Virginia  
Temporarily add 123 Beds at Chesapeake Regional Medical Center

Dear Mr. Jackson:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by Chesapeake Regional Medical Center (Chesapeake Regional) to temporarily add 123 beds at Chesapeake Regional Medical Center. 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. Chesapeake Regional has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, Chesapeake Regional has an immediate need to temporarily add 123 licensed inpatient beds.
2. Chesapeake Regional's plan for training and shifting ambulatory staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. Chesapeake Regional's plan and ability to obtain equipment and supplies is reasonable within the confines of the current crisis.
4. Chesapeake Regional'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 123 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](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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Enclosures

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