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April 16, 2020

Mr. Ryan Jensen  
Chief Executive Officer  
Henrico Doctors' Hospital--Forest  
1620 Skipwith Road  
Richmond, Virginia 23229

**RE: HCA Health Services of Virginia, Inc.**

Richmond, Virginia

Temporarily add 49 intensive care unit beds at Henrico Doctors' Hospital—Forest

Dear Mr. Jensen:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by HCA Health Services of Virginia, Inc. to temporarily add 49 intensive care unit beds at Henrico Doctors' Hospital—Forest (HDHF). 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:

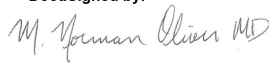
1. HDHF has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, HDHF has an immediate need to temporarily add 49 intensive care unit beds.
2. HDHF's plan for shifting available staff throughout the area and the state is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. HDHF's plan to expand bed capacity in existing hospital space assures patient safety is maintained from a fire and life safety code perspective.

In accordance with Executive Order 52, the 49 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 16, 2020, through 30 days after the expiration of or rescission of Executive Order 52, as it may be amended.

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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,

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cc: Allyson Tysinger, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia  
Robert A. K. Payne, JD, Director, Office of Licensure and Certification  
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