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April 13, 2020

Ms. Toni Ardabell
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Inova Health System
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RE: Inova Healthcare Services, Inc.

Inova Alexandria Hospital
Alexandria, Virginia

Temporarily add 10 ICU beds at Inova Alexandria Hospital in response to the COVID-19 crisis

Dear Ms. Ardabell:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by Inova Healthcare Services, Inc. to temporarily add 10 ICU beds at Inova Alexandria Hospital ("IAH"). 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. IAH has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, IAH has an immediate need to temporarily add 10 licensed ICU beds.
2. IAH's plan for cross-training and redeploying operating room, PACU, and ambulatory staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. IAH'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.
4. HSANV recommended approval of IAH's request.

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In accordance with Executive Order 52, the 10 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 13, 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,

DocuSigned by:

M. Norman Oliver, MD

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