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April 9, 2020

Ms. Toni Ardabell
Associate Chief, Clinical Operations
Inova Health System
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RE: Inova Fairfax Hospital
Falls Church, Virginia
Temporarily add 115 inpatient beds in response to COVID-19

Dear Ms. Ardabell:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by Inova Fairfax Hospital (Inova Fairfax) to temporarily add 57 medical/surgical and 58 intensive care unit beds at Inova Fairfax. 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. Inova Fairfax has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, Inova Fairfax has an immediate need to temporarily add 115 licensed inpatient beds.
2. Inova Fairfax's plan for training and shifting staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. Inova Fairfax'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. HSNV recommended approval of Inova Fairfax's request.
5. Inova Fairfax is located in Fairfax health district, which has the highest number of COVID-19 patients in the Commonwealth, as of this writing.

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In accordance with Executive Order 52, the 115 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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M. Norman Oliver, MD

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Enclosures

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