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April 9, 2020

Ms. Toni Ardabell  
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Inova Health System  
8110 Gatehouse Road  
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**RE: Inova Healthcare Services, Inc.**

Leesburg, Virginia

Temporarily add 112 medical/surgical beds at Inova Loudoun 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 112 medical/surgical beds Inova Loudoun Hospital (Inova Loudoun). 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 Loudoun has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, Inova Loudoun has an immediate need to temporarily add 112 medical/surgical beds.
2. Inova Loudoun's plan for training and shifting available staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. Inova Loudoun's plan to expand bed capacity in existing hospital space assures patient safety is maintained from a fire and life safety code perspective.
4. The Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia recommends approval of the request.

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In accordance with Executive Order 52, the 112 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,

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*M. Norman Oliver, MD*  
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Enclosures

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