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April 13, 2020

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

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital
Alexandria (Fairfax County), Virginia
Temporarily add 12 intensive care unit beds at Inova Mount Vernon 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 12 intensive care unit beds Inova Mount Vernon Hospital (IMVH). 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. IMVH has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, IMVH has an immediate need to temporarily add 12 intensive care unit beds.
2. IMVH's plan for training and shifting available staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. IMVH'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 12 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 51, as it may be amended.

If you have any questions please contact Robert Payne, Director of the Office of Licensure and Certification 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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