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April 17, 2020

Mr. Zach McCluskey
Chief Executive Officer
Johnston-Willis Hospital
1401 Johnston Willis Drive
Richmond, Virginia 23235

RE: HCA Health Services of Virginia, Inc.

Richmond, Virginia

Temporarily add 32 intensive care unit beds at Johnston-Willis Hospital

Dear Mr. McCluskey:

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 32 licensed intensive care beds at Johnston-Willis Hospital (JWH). 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. JWH has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, JWH has an immediate need to temporarily add 32 intensive care unit beds.
2. JWH's plan for shifting available staff throughout the area and the state is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. JWH'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 32 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 17, 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. Thank you for your response to the community in this public health emergency.

Sincerely,

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