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April 14, 2020

Mr. Will Windham  
Chief Executive Officer  
LewisGale Hospital Alleghany  
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**RE: Columbia/Alleghany Regional Hospital, Incorporated d/b/a LewisGale Hospital Alleghany**  
Low Moor, Virginia  
Temporarily add four ICU Beds at LewisGale Hospital Alleghany in response to the COVID-19 crisis

Dear Mr. Windham:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by Columbia/Alleghany Regional Hospital, Incorporated d/b/a LewisGale Hospital Alleghany (LGHA) to temporarily add 4 ICU beds at LewisGale Hospital Alleghany. 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. LGHA has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, LGHA has an immediate need to temporarily add 4 licensed inpatient beds.
2. LGHA's plan for training and shifting ambulatory staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. LGHA's plan and ability to obtain equipment and supplies is reasonable within the confines of the current crisis.
4. LGHA'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.

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In accordance with Executive Order 52, the 4 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 14, 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,

DocuSigned by:

*M. Norman Oliver, MD*

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