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April 20, 2020

Mr. Alan Fabian
3700 S. Main Street
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RE: Montgomery Regional Hospital, Inc.
Blacksburg, Virginia
Temporarily add 38 Beds at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery

Dear Mr. Fabian:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by Montgomery Regional Hospital, Inc. d/b/a LewisGale Hospital Montgomery (LGHM) to temporarily add 38 beds at LewisGale Hospital Montgomery. 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. LGHM has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, LGHM has an immediate need to add 38 temporarily licensed inpatient beds.
2. LGHM's plan for training and shifting repurposed staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. LGHM'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 38 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 20, 2020, through 30 days after the expiration of or rescission of Executive Order 51, 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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