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April 13, 2020

Dr. Michael McDermott  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
Mary Washington Healthcare  
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**RE: Mary Washington Healthcare**

Mary Washington Hospital  
Fredericksburg, Virginia

Temporarily add 39 ICU Beds at Mary Washington Hospital in response to the COVID-19 crisis

Dear Dr. McDermott:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by Mary Washington Healthcare to temporarily add 39 ICU beds at Mary Washington Hospital. 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. Mary Washington has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, Mary Washington has an immediate need to temporarily add 39 ICU beds.
2. Mary Washington's plan for training and shifting ambulatory staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. Mary Washington's plan and ability to obtain equipment and supplies is reasonable within the confines of the current crisis.
4. Mary Washington'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 39 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 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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