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April 13, 2020

Dr. Stephen Smith, President
Novant Health UVA Health System Prince William Medical Center
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RE: Novant Health UVA Health System Prince William Medical Center
Manassas, Virginia
Temporarily add 20 medical/surgical and 22 intensive care beds at Prince William Medical Center in response to the COVID-19 crisis

Dear Dr. Smith:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by Novant Health UVA Health System Prince William Medical Center to temporarily add 20 medical/surgical and 22 intensive care beds at Prince William Medical Center (Prince William). 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. Prince William has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, Prince William has an immediate need to temporarily add 42 licensed inpatient beds.
2. Prince William's plan for training and shifting ambulatory staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. Prince William's plan and ability to obtain equipment and supplies is reasonable within the confines of the current crisis.
4. Prince William's plan to expand bed capacity in existing hospital space assures patient safety is maintained from a fire and life safety code perspective.
5. The Health Systems Agency of Northern Virginia recommended approval of Prince William's request.

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In accordance with Executive Order 52, the 42 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. Thank you for your response to the community in this public health emergency.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

M. Norman Oliver, MD

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