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April 27, 2020

Ms. Terrie Edwards  
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Sentara Healthcare  
6015 Poplar Hall Drive, Suite 102  
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**RE: Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center**

Williamsburg, Virginia

Temporarily add 35 Beds at Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center in response to the COVID-19 crisis

Dear Ms. Edwards:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by Sentara Healthcare to temporarily add 35 beds at Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center. 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. Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center has an immediate need to temporarily add 35 licensed inpatient beds.
2. Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center's plan for training and shifting ambulatory staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center's plan and ability to obtain equipment and supplies is reasonable within the confines of the current crisis.
4. Sentara Williamsburg Regional Medical Center'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 35 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 24, 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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cc: Allyson Tysinger, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia  
Robert A. K. Payne, JD, Director, Office of Licensure and Certification  
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