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April 3, 2020

Mr. Chris A. Ghaemmaghami
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RE: University of Virginia Medical Center (Request VCU 3.27.20)
University of Virginia Medical Center, University Hospital
Charlottesville, Virginia
Temporarily add 84 Beds at University Hospital

Dear Mr. Ghaemmaghami:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by the University of Virginia Medical Center (UVAMC) to temporarily add 84 beds at University 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. UVAMC has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, University Hospital has an immediate need to temporarily add 84 licensed inpatient beds.
2. UVAMC's plan for training and shifting ambulatory staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. UVAMC's plan and ability to obtain equipment and supplies is reasonable within the confines of the current crisis.
4. UVAMC'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.

The 84 added beds will be deemed to exist on the date Mr. Payne receives an emailed notice from UVAMC stating that the beds are open. Under Virginia Code § 32.1-124, UVAMC is exempt from the requirement to be licensed. This authorization is valid for the period April 3, 2020 through 30 days after the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 51, as it may be

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amended. If you have any questions please contact Robert Payne, Director of the Office of Licensure and Certification at (804) 367-2109, or Robert.Payne@VDH.Virginia.gov. Thank you for your response to the community in this public health emergency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "M. Norman Oliver MD". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "M" at the beginning.

M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA
State Health Commissioner

Enclosures

cc: Erik Bodin, Director, Division of Certificate of Public Need
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