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April 13, 2020

Mr. Grady W. Philips, III
Senior Vice President, Valley Health
President, Winchester Medical Center
1840 Amherst Street
Winchester, Virginia 22601

RE: Winchester Medical Center (Request WMC 3.31.20)
Winchester, Virginia
Temporarily add 50 Beds at Surgi-Center of Winchester

Dear Mr. Philips:

In accordance with Executive Order 52, I reviewed the request and all supporting documents submitted by Winchester Medical Center (WMC) to temporarily add 50 beds at Surgi-Center of Winchester. 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. WMC has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, Surgi-Center of Winchester has an immediate need to temporarily add 50 licensed inpatient beds.
2. WMC's plan for training and shifting ambulatory staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. WMC's plan and ability to obtain equipment and supplies is reasonable within the confines of the current crisis.
4. WMC'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.

In accordance with Executive Order 52, the 50 added beds are deemed to be licensed from the date an emailed notice is received by Robert Payne, Director of the

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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 51, as it may be 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,

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