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April 30, 2020

Ms. Terrie Edwards  
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Command Center Operations Leader  
Sentara Healthcare  
6015 Poplar Hall Drive, Suite 102  
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**RE: Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital**

Virginia Beach, Virginia

Temporarily add 47 Licensed Intensive Care Unit Beds at Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital 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 47 licensed intensive care unit beds at Sentara Virginia Beach General 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. Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital has demonstrated that, due to the reasonable expectation of a sudden and overwhelming increase in acute care patients resulting from COVID-19 infection, Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital has an immediate need to temporarily add 47 licensed intensive care unit beds.
2. Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital's plan for training and shifting ambulatory staff is a reasonable solution for staffing the additional beds.
3. Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital's plan and ability to obtain equipment and supplies is reasonable within the confines of the current crisis.
4. Sentara Virginia Beach General Hospital'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 47 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 30, 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  
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