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State Health Commissioner

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April 25, 2022

Ms. Laura Armstrong-Brauer
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Norfolk, Virginia 23502

RE: **COPN No. VA-04787**
Sentara Hospitals d/b/a Sentara Obici Hospital, Suffolk, Virginia
Establish a specialized center for MRI imaging on the campus of Sentara Obici Hospital

Dear Ms. Armstrong-Brauer:

In accordance with Chapter 4, Article 1.1 of Title 32.1 of the Code of Virginia of 1950 (the Code), as amended, I reviewed the application and all supporting documents submitted by Sentara Hospitals to expand MRI services with the addition of one fixed MRI unit at Sentara Obici Hospital.

As required by Section 32.1-102.3B of the Code, I have considered all factors that must be taken into account in a determination of public need, and I have concluded that **conditional approval** of the request is warranted based on the following findings:

1. The proposed project is generally consistent with the applicable criteria and standards of the State Medical Facilities Plan and the Eight Required Considerations of the Code of Virginia.
2. The applicant has demonstrated an institutional need to expand its MRI services.
3. The capital costs are reasonable.
4. The proposed project appears economically viable in the long-term.
5. There is no known opposition to the proposed project.
6. The project is more favorable than maintaining the status quo.

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This certificate is valid for the period April 25, 2022 through April 24, 2023. The total authorized capital cost of the project is \$2,838,250.

Please file two copies of the application for a certificate extension with the Department no later than 30 days before the expiration date of the certificate. Part VIII of the Virginia Medical Care Facilities Certificate of Public Need Rules and Regulations identifies the filing requirements and review procedure for certificate extension requests.

Sincerely,



Colin M. Greene, MD, MPH
State Health Commissioner

Enclosure

cc: Allyson Tysinger, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Commonwealth of Virginia
Erik Bodin, Director, Division of Certificate of Public Need
Deborah K. Waite, Operations Manager, Virginia Health Information
Nancy M. Welsh, MD, MHA, MBA, Acting District Director, Western Tidewater Health District

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC NEED

THIS CERTIFIES THAT Sentara Hospitals is authorized to initiate the proposal as described below.

NAME OF FACILITY: Sentara Obici Hospital

LOCATION: 2800 Godwin Boulevard, Suffolk, Virginia 23434

OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL: Sentara Hospitals

SCOPE OF PROJECT: Add a second fixed MRI unit at Sentara Obici Hospital. Capital costs associated with this project total \$2,838,250. The project is expected to be completed by October 31, 2023. This certificate is issued with the condition that appears on its reverse.



Pursuant to Chapter 4, Article 11 of Title 32.1, Sections 32.1-102.1 through 32.1-102.12 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended and the policies and procedures promulgated thereunder, this Medical Care Facilities Certificate of Public Need is issued contingent upon substantial and continuing progress towards implementation of the proposal within twelve (12) months from the date of issuance. A progress report shall be submitted to the State Health Commissioner within twelve (12) months from the date of issuance along with adequate assurance of completion within a reasonable time period. The Commissioner reserves the right not to renew this Certificate in the event the applicant fails to fulfill these conditions. This Certificate is non-transferable and is limited to the location, ownership, control and scope of the project shown herein.

Certificate Number: VA-04787

Date of Issuance: April 25, 2022

Expiration Date: April 24, 2023

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This project shall be subject to the 4.8% system-wide charity care condition applicable to Sentara Hospitals Hampton Roads, as reflected in COPN No. VA – 04534 (Sentara Hospitals Hampton Roads system-wide condition). Provided, however, that charity care provided under the Sentara Hospitals Hampton Roads system-wide condition shall be valued under the provider reimbursement methodology utilized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for reimbursement under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1395 et seq.

Sentara Hospitals d/b/a Sentara Obici Hospital will accept a revised percentage based on the regional average after such time regional charity care data valued under the provider reimbursement methodology utilized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for reimbursement under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1395 et seq. is available from Virginia Health Information. In addition to any right to petition the Commissioner contained in the Sentara Hospitals Hampton Roads system-wide condition, to the extent Sentara Hospitals d/b/a Sentara Obici Hospital expects its system-wide condition as valued under the provider reimbursement methodology utilized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for reimbursement under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1395 et seq. or any revised percentage to materially alter the value of its charity care commitment thereunder, it may petition the Commissioner for a modification to the Sentara Hospitals Hampton Roads system-wide condition to resolve the expected discrepancy.