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November 7, 2022

Ms. Emily W.G. Towey
Hancock, Daniel & Johnson P.C.
4701 Cox Rd #400
Glen Allen, Virginia 23060

RE: **COPN No. VA-04813**
Wellmont Health System d/b/a Norton Community Hospital
Norton, Virginia
Establish a long-term care unit at Norton Community Hospital by certifying 10
licensed hospital beds for long-term care.

Dear Ms. Towey:

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 Wellmont Health System d/b/a Norton Community Hospital to establish a long-term care unit at Norton Community by certifying 10 licensed hospital beds for long-term care.

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 **approval** of the request is warranted based on the following findings:


1. The 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 proposed project is more advantageous than the status quo.
3. The proposed project appears to be financially feasible in the immediate and the long-term.
4. There is no known opposition to the proposed project.
5. The proposed project is not likely to have a significant negative impact on the costs, utilization, or staffing of existing area providers.

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This certificate is valid for the period November 7, 2022 through November 6, 2023. The total authorized capital cost of the project is \$191,348.

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
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MEDICAL CARE FACILITIES CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC NEED

THIS CERTIFIES THAT Wellmont Health System d/b/a Norton Community Hospital is authorized to initiate the proposal as described below.

NAME OF FACILITY: Norton Community Hospital

LOCATION: 100 15th Street Northwest, Norton, Virginia 24273

OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL: Wellmont Health System d/b/a Norton Community Hospital

SCOPE OF PROJECT: Establish a long-term care unit at Norton Community Hospital by certifying 10 licensed hospital beds for long-term care. Norton Community Hospital's authorized number of licensed beds will remain at 118. Capital costs associated with this project total \$191,348. The project is expected to be completed by July 1, 2023.



Pursuant to Chapter 4, Article 1.1 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-04813

Date of Issuance: November 7, 2022

Expiration Date: November 6, 2023

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