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**RE: Certificate of Public Need (COPN)
Request Number VA-8829
Winchester Medical Center
Winchester, Virginia
Planning District (PD) 7
Health Planning Region (HPR) I
Addition of 61 medical surgical hospital beds
(the "WMC project")**

Dear Ms. Towey:

In accordance with Article 1.1 of Chapter 4 of Title 32.1 (§ 32.1-102.1 *et seq.*) of the Code of Virginia (the "COPN Law"), I have reviewed the application captioned above. As required by Subsection B of Virginia Code § 32.1-102.3, I have considered all matters listed therein in making a determination of public need under the COPN law.

I have reviewed and adopted the enclosed findings, conclusions and recommended decision of the adjudication officer that convened the informal fact-finding conference on the application in accordance with the Virginia Administrative Process Act, Virginia Code § 2.2-4000 *et seq.*

Based on my review of the application and on the recommended decision of the adjudication officer, I am approving the application, with a condition addressing charity care. I find that this project would meet a public need.

The reasons for my decision include the following:

- (i) The WMC project is consistent with the State Medical Facilities Plan ("SMFP"), is in harmony or in general agreement with the SMFP or with the

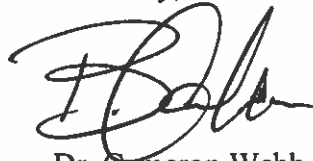
public policies, interests and purposes to which the SMFP and the COPN Law are administered;

(ii) Approval of the project would directly promote access to medical/surgical hospital services, tertiary care services, and emergency medical services, by appropriately rationalizing the complement of hospital beds at WMC and bringing it in line with operational demand, thereby addressing an institutional need;

(iii) No reasonable alternative exists that would serve the purpose of meeting a public need, or that has significance for improving daily hospital operations at WMC and across HPR I; and

(iv) The total costs of the WMC project are reasonable and the project is feasible in the short and long-term.

Sincerely,



Dr. Cameron Webb
State Health Commissioner

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

THIS CERTIFIES THAT Winchester Medical Center is authorized to initiate the proposal as described below.

NAME OF FACILITY: Winchester Medical Center

LOCATION: 1840 Amherst Street, Winchester, Virginia, 22601

OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL: Winchester Medical Center

SCOPE OF PROJECT: Add sixty-one (61) medical/surgical beds at Winchester Medical Center, for a total of 480 medical/surgical beds. Capital costs authorized for this project total \$46,183,000. The project is expected to be completed by May 28, 2027. This certificate is issued with the condition that appears on its reverse.



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-04984

Date of Issuance: April 2, 2026

Expiration Date: April 1, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dr. Cameron Webb".

Dr. Cameron Webb, State Health Commissioner

Winchester Medical Center will provide medical/surgical services to all persons in need of these services, regardless of their ability to pay, and will provide as charity care to all indigent persons free services or rate reductions in services and facilitate the development and operation of primary care services to medically underserved persons in an aggregate amount equal to at least 1.1% of Winchester Medical Center's total patient services revenue derived from medical/surgical services 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. Compliance with this condition will be documented to the Division of Certificate of Public Need annually by providing audited or otherwise appropriately certified financial statements documenting compliance with the preceding requirement. Winchester Medical Center 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. The value of charity care provided to individuals pursuant to this condition shall be based on 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.

Winchester Medical Center will provide surgical care to individuals who are eligible for benefits under Title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1395 et seq.), Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. § 1396 et seq.), and 10 U.S.C. § 1071 et seq. Additionally Winchester Medical Center will facilitate the development and operation of primary and specialty medical care services in designated medically underserved areas of the applicant's service area.