

April 3, 2020

Via email: azzie.conley@dhhs.nc.gov

Azzie Conley, Section Chief
NC DSHR Acute Care and Home Care Licensure and Certification

RE: Request by Atrium Health Pineville, License No. H0042, for Waiver of 10A NCAC 13B.3111 to Temporarily Increase Acute Care Bed Capacity to Care for COVID-19 Patients

Dear Ms. Conley,

Pursuant to the Memo issued by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services dated March 12, 2020 Acute Care hospitals licensed in the State of North Carolina may request a waiver of the limitations found in 10A NCAC 13B.3111.

The above referenced hospital is already operating near capacity. In order to prepare for an anticipated material surge in COVID-19 patients, the hospital requests a waiver to allow us to temporarily increase bed capacity, and the ability to relocate existing licensed acute care beds in order to provide services to patients that may be stricken with COVID-19.

Pursuant to Mr. Payne's Memo, I hereby certify as follows:

- Number of Additional Beds Requested: 178 (see chart below)
- Description of the physical space to be utilized: see chart below
- Purpose for which the space will be utilized: Care of patients receiving treatment for COVID-19 and/or to relocate other patients to allow for the treatment of COVID-19 patients.

LOCATION	# OF BEDS	DESCRIPTION OF SPACE
1 st Floor Pre-Post Procedure Area (Pre-op, Post-op, Endo, IR, Overflow)	49	47 Bays with 3 Walls /Curtains to be used for inpatients; head wall has O2 and suction 2 Negative flow Rooms head walls have O2 and Suction
1 st Floor Operating Room	11	10 OR's and 1 Cystoscopy Room to be used for Additional ICU Capacity (if needed) due to Availability of Ventilators/Anesthesia Machines
1 st Floor CV-Observation Pre-Post Cardiac Procedures	9	9 rooms with walls and doors to be used for inpatients; head wall has O2 and Suction
1 st Floor ED Observation/Clinical Decision Unit	12	12 rooms with doors and walls to be used for either inpatient rooms or additional ED capacity (depending on patient/facility need) Head walls have O2 and suction

1 st Floor Nursing Observation	12	12 rooms with doors and walls to be used for Inpatient Care and Hemodialysis Head walls have O2 and Suction; all rooms are plumbed for Hemodialysis
1 st Floor PACU	15	14 Bays with curtains; 1 Negative Pressure Room with Door to be used for additional ICU capacity Head wall has O2, Suction and Medical Air
2 nd Floor MICU	4	Cohort 2 ICU patients in 1 room (private to semi-private) Head walls have duplicate O2, suction, Medical Air (4 rooms to be used)
2 nd Floor CVICU	4	Cohort 2 ICU patients in 1 room (private to semi-private) Head walls have duplicate O2, suction, Medical Air (4 rooms to be used)
2 nd Floor 2 West	6	Convert 6 Med-Surg Beds to ICU level care; beds currently used for Progressive Care; head walls have O2 and suction
3 rd Floor 3 Tower	5	Convert 3 Private Rooms into semi-private; Head wall has O2 and Suction to accommodate 2 patients Repurpose 2 ante rooms to inpatient use; room has 4 walls, door, and sink
4 th Floor 4 Tower	5	Convert 3 Private Rooms into semi-private; Head wall has O2 and Suction to accommodate 2 patients Repurpose 2 ante rooms to inpatient use; room has 4 walls, door, and sink
5 th Floor 5 Tower	5	Convert 3 Private Rooms into semi-private; Head wall has O2 and Suction to accommodate 2 patients Repurpose 2 ante rooms to inpatient use; room has 4 walls, door, and sink
Mecklenburg Conference Room A & B	12	Convert space into area to house behavioral health patients and patients needing placement from a social work perspective who do not need hospitalization. (These patients would currently wait in the ED until placed) Area would have stretchers, screens, access for food delivery, access to bathrooms and would be maintained with direct 1:1 observation as needed
Pineville Inpatient Rehab	29	Use existing Inpatient Rehab Beds as Inpatient Beds
Total	178	

- Anticipated duration: requesting waiver for 120 days

I hereby certify the following:

- 1) The increase in bed capacity is necessary for public health and safety in the geographic area served;
- 2) Physical facilities to be used are adequate to safeguard the health and safety of patients and will be operated in accordance with CMS hospital conditions of participation and any applicable temporary CMS requirements for inpatient care; and
- 3) All hospital patients will receive appropriate care and their health and safety safeguarded.

If you have specific questions or need more information regarding the space, please contact Mr. Joseph Ross at 803-517-0242 or Joseph.Ross@atriumhealth.org.

Please contact me at 704-564-4848 or Alicia.Campbell@atriumhealth.org if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alicia R. Campbell". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Alicia R. Campbell
Facility Executive

