

April 8, 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 University City , License No. _H0255, 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: 110 (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
4 th Floor currently Observation	19	Private Rooms with Doors 18 Med gas vent
PACU	8	Open bays with curtains Med gas Med gas vent
Endoscopy	8	Open bays with curtains Med gas vent
Cath Lab	7	6 Open bays with curtains 1 with
Family waiting rooms 6,5,3 floors	3	Private Rooms with Doors
Observation beds	14	Private Rooms with doors
Maternity Call Rooms	6	Private Rooms with doors
Wound Clinic	6	Exam rooms with doors
Huntersville Surgery	17	Open bays with Curtains
Pain Clinic	6	Treatment rooms with doors

Adult rehab	10	treatment rooms with doors
Peds rehab	6	treatment rooms with doors
Total Beds	110	

- 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 Thomas Polson at 704-200-7382(mobile) or Thomas.Polson@Atriumhealth.org (email).

Please contact Bill Leonard at 7046518089 (mobile) or (Bill.Leonard@AtriumHealth.org) if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,



William H Leonard
Facility Executive