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

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

RE: Request by Carolinas Medical Center License No. H0071, 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: <u>777 (see chart below)</u>

- Description of the physical space to be utilized: <u>see chart below</u>

- Purpose for which the space will be utilized: <u>Care of patients receiving treatment for COVID-19 and/or to relocate other patients to allow for the treatment of COVID-19 patients.</u>

Location	# of beds	Description of Space
Carolinas Medical Center		
CMC - 5A - Pre-surgery	28	28 bays used for pre-op; curtains
CMC - MICU	29	ICU space; will double patients in each room
CMC - NSICU	29	ICU space; will double patients in each room
CMC - STICU	29	ICU space; will double patients in each room
CMC - 10DE	19	ICU/Prog space; will double patients in each room
CMC-Post-op Phase I and II	29	29 bays to be used as ICU;Curtains, 2 bathrooms
Endoscopy Recovery	20	20 bays with curtains; ICU capable; 1 bathroom
ODS Pre-Post OP	29	Bays with curtains for med/surg patient
3L	7	Former clinic space; exam rooms

4M	6	6 bays; curtains
Cath Lab Recovery	22	22 bays (9 and 13 in 2 locations; bays; curtains)
OR rooms, Main OR and ODS	20	OR space for ICU care; anesthesia machines avail
Tower Dining Room	10	Open area; cots; privacy screens
Cafeteria	15	Open area; cots; privacy screens
5th floor waiting room	10	Open area; cots; privacy screens
STICU waiting room	10	Open area; cots; privacy screens
Hospitality Suite	6	Open area; cots; privacy screens
6A	4	Double occupancy of patient rooms
7B	6	Private patient room; Double Occupancy
9A	8	Private patient room; Double Occupancy
9B	6	Private patient room; Double Occupancy
10A	8	Private patient room; Double Occupancy
11A	8	Private patient room; Double Occupancy
11B	6	Private patient room; Double Occupancy
6CD	2	Private patient room; Double Occupancy
3T	1	Private patient room; Double Occupancy
5th	3	Private patient room; Double Occupancy
6T	2	Private patient room; Double Occupancy
7T	2	Private patient room; Double Occupancy
9T	3	Private patient room; Double Occupancy
10T	2	Private patient room; Double Occupancy
11T	3	Private patient room; Double Occupancy
LCI Infusion bay	60	Bays with curtains for med/surg patient
Carolinas Medical Center (CMC) Total Beds	**442**	
Atrium Health Mercy		
Mercy - Same day procedure rooms x 3 (rooms #1, #2, #11/12) First floor	6	Procedure rooms in same day surgery. 2 be3ds per procedure room for total 6. Rooms each have door to room and 4 walls – semi-private rooms. No curtains. Compressed air and oxygen present for vents. Anesthesia machines available for vent.
Mercy - Same day procedure bays 1-12. First floor	12	Walls on each side of bays with curtain at end of bays for privacy. O2 available. Could use H-cylinder for compressed air. Semi-private.
Mercy - Main Pacu – first floor	6	1 isolation room and 5 other bays with curtains around sides and end. O2 available. Could use H-cylinder for compressed air. Semi-private.
Mercy - Pre -op bays 1-16. First floor	16	Walls on each side with curtain at end for privacy. O2 available. Could use H-cylinder for compressed air. Semi-private.

Mercy - SSC Pre-op on first floor	5	Bays have walls on sides and curtain at end. O2 available. Could use H-cylinder for compressed air. Semi-private.
Mercy - OBS beds (16 on 2N, 2 on 3N, 7 on 4N, 2 on 4S, 1 on 5N.	28	All private rooms with oxygen.
Mercy - SSC OR rooms (#14, #15, #16)	13	Semi-private. Can put 5pts. in #14, 4 in #15, and 4 in #16. All have compressed air and O2. Semi-private.
Mercy - Endoscopy unit on first floor	2	2 procedure rooms with one pt. each. O2 available. Could use H-cylinder for compressed air. Anesthesia machines available for vent. Private.
Mercy - Cath lab/echo on 4th floor	3	Bays with curtains. O2 but no air. Semi private.
Mercy - Interventional Radiology on the 2nd floor	6	Curtains. Oxygen but no air.
Mercy - Phase II Main PACU on First floor	5	2 rooms with walls and curtains at end, 3 bays with full curtains. Oxygen available. Semi-private.
Mercy - SSC break room on first floor	8	No curtains, no oxygen or air. Semi-private
Mercy - Care partner room on 6S	2	No curtains, no oxygen or air. Semi-private
Mercy - Care Partner room on 7S	3	No curtains, no oxygen or air. Semi-private
Mercy - PT Gym on 7S	3	No curtains, no oxygen or air. Semi-private
Mercy - Auditorium	12	No curtains, no oxygen or air. Semi-private
Mercy - Sunflower conf room	5	No curtains, no oxygen or air. Semi-private
Mercy - SSC Waiting Room	5	No curtains, no oxygen or air. Semi-private
Mercy - Darlene Menscer Conference Room	6	No curtains, no oxygen or air. Semi-private
Mercy Total Beds	146	
Levine Children's Hospital (on CMC Main Campus)		
LCH 5 Obs	12	8 observation beds and 4 temp beds
LCH 7A Obs	16	14 observation beds and 2 cohort spaces
LCH 7A Physician Call Rooms	3	3 call rooms for physicians
NICN 7S North	17	17 temp neonatal beds
NICN Parent Sleep Rooms	4	2 parent sleep rooms (2 neonatal patients per room)
NPCN Parent Sleep Rooms	8	4 parents sleep rooms (2 neonatal patients per room)
LCH PACU	7	7 PACU bays
LCH Pre-Op	7	7 pre-op bays
Pediatric Dialysis Unit	7	currently outpatient dialysis unit (former pediatric ICU space)

LCH ECMO	4	currently ECMO office (former pediatric ICU space)
LCH PICU	10	double patients which will give us an additional 10 spaces for ICU
LCH CVICU	10	double patients which will give us an additional 10 spaces for ICU
LCH 8P	8	double patients which will give us an additional 8 spaces
LCH 9P	8	double patients which will give us an additional 8 spaces
LCH 10P	8	double patients which will give us an additional 8 spaces
LCH 11P	4	double patients which will give us an additional 4 spaces
LCH 8P	1	treatment room
LCH 9P	1	treatment room
LCH 10P	1	treatment room
Levine Children's Hospital Total Beds	**136**	
Behavioral Health Charlotte		
BH Charlotte child/adol Observation unit	10	Open area for milieu management with recliners for sleeping
BH Charlotte adult Observation unit	12	Patient rooms with double/trips occupancy, group and open areas for milieu management
BH Charlotte cottage A	14	7 patient rooms with double occupancy and open areas for milieu management
Behavioral Health Charlotte Total Beds	**36**	
Behavioral Health Davidson		
BH Davidson gymnasium	17	Open area with beds for sleeping
Behavioral Health Davidson Total Beds	**17**	
Carolinas Medical Center License Total	**777**	

- 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 Michael Painter at 704-578-7736 or michael.painter@atriumhealth.org.

Please contact me at 704-607-8262 or chan.roush@atriumheatlh.org if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely yours,

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