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August 5, 2021

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RE: TW2020-013  
Sylacauga Health Care Authority  
d/b/a Coosa Valley Medical Center  
SHPDA ID: 121-6530900

Dear Ms. Smith:

On April 9, 2020, TW2020-013 was issued pursuant to ALA. ADMIN. CODE r 410-2-5-.09-E and 410-1-10-.05-E on behalf of the referenced facility for the utilization of twenty-five (25) general acute care beds to be re-designated to swing beds for an alternate care site to assist in the provision of healthcare services due to COVID.

On July 27, 2021, the Agency was notified that the waiver to utilize these beds is no longer being utilized. As a result of this notification, this waiver is now deemed completed and all services are limited to Certificate of Need authorized services only.

Should you have any questions please contact the Agency at (334) 242-4103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Emily T. Marsal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "M" at the end.

Emily T. Marsal  
Executive Director

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July 27, 2021

**VIA EMAIL**

Emily T. Marsal  
Executive Director  
Alabama State Health Planning & Development  
Agency  
RSA Union Building  
100 N. Union Street, Suite 870  
Montgomery, AL 36104

**Re: Sylacauga Health Care Authority d/b/a Coosa Valley Medical Center - Swing Bed Waiver**

Dear Mrs. Marsal:

As you may recall, Sylacauga Health Care Authority d/b/a Coosa Valley Medical Center applied for a COVID-19 waiver from your agency to operate 25 swing beds as an alternate care site at its facility. Please allow this letter to serve as notice that Coosa Valley is no longer in need of, or using, the swing beds and is terminating the waiver. We are also notifying the appropriate individuals at the Medicare Administrative Contractor and the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*Angie C. Smith*

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### **NOTICE FOR ISSUANCE OF TEMPORARY WAIVER**

In the fifth supplemental State of Emergency for the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Ivey gave the State Health Planning and Development Agency (Agency) the ability to promulgate rules in order to issue temporary waivers to the normal Certificate of Need (CON) process for providers specifically requiring additional capacity or services directly related to the State of Emergency declared for the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Agency has filed two emergency administrative rules: ALA. ADMIN. CODE r. 410-2-5-.09-E COVID-19 State of Emergency, passed by the Statewide Health Coordinating Council, and ALA. ADMIN. CODE r 410-1-10-.05-E Emergency Provisions Related to COVID-19 Emergency, passed by the Certificate of Need Review Board. Both of these emergency rules can be found on the SHPDA website.

**By filling out this attached form, the applicant has requested a temporary waiver under these emergency rules and it has been signed and notarized that this request is directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The affirmation by the SHPDA Executive Director is related solely to the addition and/or provision of any beds, stations, or services during the State of Emergency and succeeding 60-day period and does not affirm any permanent CON authority for such request. The affirmation shall also not be considered to be a waiver of any requirements related to the Alabama Department of Public Health or any other regulatory agency.**

Pursuant to ALA. ADMIN. CODE r. 410-2-5-.09-E (3), the request as affirmed, "shall automatically terminate on the earlier of (i) as applicable, the discontinuation of services or closure of facilities subject to the waiver; or (ii) sixty (60) days following the termination of the State of Emergency as recognized in the Declaration." Furthermore, the rule states, "[a]ny continued operation of institutional health services authorized under a waiver granted pursuant to this section will require a CON, which shall be subject to existing CON criteria and procedures, including compliance with the State Health Plan, without regard to emergency rules adopted by the CON Board or SHCC in response to the Declaration. It is the intent of this subsection that services, facilities or other new institutional health services established as a result a waiver be considered 'new' for purposes of an application for CON authority to extend such new institutional health services beyond the deadlines in this subsection."

In addition, pursuant to ALA. ADMIN. CODE r. 410-2-5-.09-E (4), "new institutional health services authorized on a temporary basis pursuant to a waiver granted under this rule shall not be considered for purposes of the permanent need methodology in the State Health Plan."

For any questions or concerns, please contact the Agency at (334) 242-4103.

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FOR STAFF USE ONLY:

WAIVER IDENTIFICATION: TW2020-013

REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF NEED WAIVER

121-6530900

FACILITY ID NO.: ~~010164~~ COUNTY: Talladega

FACILITY/PROVIDER NAME: Sylacauga Health Care Authority dba Coosa Valley Medical C

STREET ADDRESS: 315 W Hickory Street

CITY: Sylacauga ZIP CODE: 35150

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE: Glenn C. Sisk

TITLE: Chief Executive Officer EMAIL ADDRESS: sheliah.meigs@cvhealth.net

DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER: (256) 401-4602

TYPE OF FACILITY/PROVIDER: Hospital

Pursuant to a declaration issued by Governor Ivey on April 2, 2020, the following additional services are being enacted pursuant to Ala. Admin. Code r 410-2-5-.09-E and 410-1-10-.05-E.

\*25 currently licensed beds re-designated for this time.

Does this request involve an increase in: Beds No  Yes  Number 25  
ESRD Stations No  Yes  Number \_\_\_\_\_

Provide a brief explanation of how these services will assist in the health and safety of citizens during the emergency (attach additional sheets if necessary):

Sylacauga Health Care Authority d/b/a Coosa Valley Medical Center (CVMC) has been working closely with area nursing home providers in an effort to address their ongoing needs. It is apparent that this population is at a significantly enhanced risk for exposure to COVID-19 especially when coupled with other comorbidities. As such, CVMC wishes to immediately gain Alternate Care Site Designation in order to provide skilled nursing (swing bed) care for up to 14 days in a quarantined environment, in addition to inpatient care. The notable advantage of this model keeps these patients/residents out of the long term care population while insuring their nursing home admission is negative for COVID-19. The CVMC clinical team will exercise every precaution in order to insure care is delivered in a safe and effective environment. Thank you in advance for your timely consideration.

Projected Construction/Renovation Costs: \$ 0.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Projected Equipment Costs: \$ 0.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Projected date additional services/equipment will be available for service: 4/7/2020 \_\_\_\_\_

If this Waiver request involves construction of a new facility and/or acquisition of new equipment, provide a brief description of the proposal on a separate sheet of paper and return with this form.

The undersigned, being first duly sworn, hereby affirms that he/she has direct knowledge of the facts contained this request, and to the best of their information, knowledge, and belief, such facts are true and correct. The undersigned agrees to comply with the requirements and limitations outlined by Rules 410-2-5-.09-E and 410-1-10-.05-E

Glenn C. Sisk  
Signature of Authorized Officer

4/9/20  
Date

Glenn C. Sisk  
Printed Name

CEO  
Title

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 9 day of April 2020.

Sheliah O. Meigs  
Notary Public

(Seal)

My Commission Expires: 3/28/2021

AFFIRMED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:

Emily T. Mansuf

4/9/2020  
Date