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FACILITY: USC Arcadia Hospital, LICENSE # 930000103

APPROVAL OF PROGRAM FLEXIBILITY FOR FLEX-7689

Dear Cari Toneck,

This letter is in response to the request submitted by **USC Arcadia Hospital** for program flexibility for California Code of Regulations T22 DIV5 CH1 ART3-70217(a)(9), T22 DIV5 CH1 ART8-70805, T22 DIV5 CH1 ART8-70809(b).

The alternative means of compliance with T22 DIV5 CH1 ART3-70217(a)(9), T22 DIV5 CH1 ART8-70805, T22 DIV5 CH1 ART8-70809(b) include

To better utilize nursing resources, USC Arcadia Hospital will temporarily convert twelve (10) intensive care beds into a step-down unit (IMCU - Intermediate Care Unit). The unit will be flexed to become a IMCU (Step-Down) unit for designated beds 11-20, Beds 1-10 (a total of 10 beds) will remain ICU overflow beds.

A multidisciplinary Team consisting of the Medical Director for Intensive Care, Director of Critical Care Services, CNO, CMO, COO, Director of Pharmacy, Medical Director for Emergency Services, Hospitalist and UM Director, and Medical Director of Respiratory Services have met to design the clinical parameters for admission, discharge, equipment and medication needs, and staff competency requirements.

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Your request for program flexibility of **T22 DIV5 CH1 ART3-70217(a)(9), T22 DIV5 CH1 ART8-70805, T22 DIV5 CH1 ART8-70809(b)** is approved under the following conditions:

1. Hospital approved to use ten (10) single occupancy intensive care unit (ICU) licensed beds, room numbers 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20, as single occupancy adult intermediate care unit (IMCU) otherwise known as step-down unit level of care patients.
2. Hospital will ensure that there will be no mixing of ICU and step-down levels of care patients when these beds are activated as a IMCU unit.
3. Hospital will ensure that the Chief Nursing Executive (CNE) and medical leadership will continue to provide oversight of the staff and provision of care in this space.
4. Hospital will ensure signage is visibly placed to clearly designate the flexed space.
5. Hospital will ensure patient privacy, safety, and security is maintained and clear access and egress of patients, personnel, equipment, and supplies will be maintained at all times.
6. Hospital will ensure compliance with nursing unit requirements per Title 22, Section 70049.
7. Hospital will ensure the step-down space will be staffed per nursing staff Title 22, Section 70217. There will be two licensed step-down staff in the flexed space at all times when a step-down patient is present.
8. Hospital will ensure a written record of step-down patient acuity and nursing staff assignments, and this documentation will be available to California Department of Public Health (CDPH) upon request.
9. Hospital will provide an orientation to the flexed space and furnish documentation of this orientation to CDPH upon request.
10. Hospital will ensure that nurses and staff will be assigned tasks and/or patient care assignments within their scope of licensure, experience, training, and competence. The documentation will be provided to CDPH upon request.
11. Hospital will ensure a safe rapid response/code blue response and maintain a crash cart in this area at all times.
12. Hospital will ensure medical gases, electrical, call light, space, and related equipment to meet each patient's designated level of care.

13. Hospital will ensure that appropriate equipment and supplies are available to provide services in accordance with current policies and procedures to meet the needs of the patient.
14. Hospital will ensure pharmacy regulations and policies and procedures are followed, including safe (a) storage, (b) ordering/prescribing, (c) transcribing and verifying, (d) dispensing and delivering, (e) administering, and (f) monitoring and reporting.
15. Hospital will follow infection control guidelines from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and CDPH or local health department.
16. Hospital will continue to provide necessary care in accordance with patient needs and make all reasonable efforts to act in the best interest of patients.

Either this letter or a true copy thereof shall be posted immediately adjacent to the facility's license.

This approval shall remain in effect from Feb 02, 2024 until Feb 01, 2025.

NOTE: The Department may revoke the program flexibility if the licensee does not comply with the conditions set forth in the approval or if the department determines the proposed alternative does not adequately meet the intent of the regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact Centralized Program Flex Unit at (916) 323-5053 or by email at CentralizedProgramFlex@cdph.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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