



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

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RE: Determination of Reviewability #22-20 – Department’s Decision

Dr. Sobel:

The Department of Health has completed its review of the determination of reviewability request submitted by Alex Sobel, PLLC dba Anderson Sobel Cosmetic Surgery. The request proposes exemption from Certificate of Need review for the relocation and expansion of an existing certificate of need-exempt ambulatory surgery center (ASC) in Bellevue, within King County.

BACKGROUND AND FACTS

The following information was considered during the review process, and is recorded here for historical purposes:

- Alex Sobel, PLLC is a Washington professional limited liability company with the unified business identifier [UBI] 602 863 237.
- Alex Sobel, PLLC is currently owned and governed by one member, Alexander Sobel, MD.¹
- Alex Sobel, PLLC currently maintains a certificate of need-exempt ASC and associated clinical practice operating under the name Anderson Sobel Cosmetic Surgery at the following location: 1632 116th Avenue Northeast, Suite A, in Bellevue [98004], within King County.²
- Alex Sobel, PLLC will cease operations at its current site at 116th Avenue, and once relocated Alexander Sobel, MD will own and operate both the clinical practice and surgery center at the following site: 626 120th Avenue Northeast, Suite B201, in Bellevue [98005], within King County.

¹ Governing Body Operations Manual of Anderson Sobel Cosmetic Surgery and Washington Secretary of State [website](#),

² Determination of Reviewability #12-33, June 22, 2012

- The use of the ASC will be limited to member or employee-physicians of Alex Sobel, PLLC. Revenues or visits used to determine primary purpose have been limited to those members.
- Clinical and surgical services to be provided at Anderson Sobel Cosmetic Surgery will be limited to cosmetic surgery.
- The surgery center will have two operating rooms.³

RELEVANT CRITERIA

The department reviews requests for compliance with the following:

- Applicable sections of both [Revised Code of Washington 70.38](#) and [Washington Administrative Code 246-310](#); and
- The [Washington State Department of Health's Interpretive Statement CN 01-18](#)⁴

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE FACILITY

- The anticipated revenue from surgical services provided at the surgery center will be approximately 24% of the total revenue generated by the facility. This percent is assumed based on years 2021 data trends. This is a reasonable assumption since services are not expected to change.
- The anticipated patient visits for surgical services provided at the surgery center will be approximately 6.71% of the total patient visits to the facility. This is a reasonable assumption since services are not expected to change.

CONCLUSION

Based on the totality of information in the request for determination of reviewability and resulting research, the department concludes that the operation of Anderson Sobel Cosmetic Surgery, to be located at 626 120th Avenue Northeast, Suite B201, in Bellevue, [98005], within King County does not require a Certificate of Need at this time.

CHANGES THAT MAY AFFECT THIS DECISION

A facility can make changes that may impact the primary purpose of the facility. Such as, if the revenues or patient visits related to surgical services begin to regularly exceed half of the facility's operations. Changes, including but not limited to the following, will likely either prompt Certificate of Need review or necessitate a new determination of reviewability:

- A change of ownership;
- Operational changes;
- Expansion of services;
- The addition of operating rooms;
- A change in location; or

³ For certificate of need purposes, operating and procedure rooms are both defined as operating rooms.

⁴ Approved by the Washington State Secretary of Health, John Wiesman, DrPH, MPH, effective January 19, 2018

- If the physicians or the use of the facility changes which results in different total revenues or visits.

APPEAL OPTION

This decision may be appealed. You or any person with standing may request an adjudicative proceeding to contest this decision within 28 calendar days from the date of this letter. The notice of appeal must be filed according to the provisions of Revised Code of Washington 34.05 and Washington Administrative Code 246-310-610. A request for an adjudicative proceeding must be received within the 28 days at one of the following addresses.

Mailing Address:

Department of Health
Adjudicative Service Unit
Mail Stop 47879
Olympia, WA 98504-7879

Physical Address

Department of Health
Adjudicative Service Unit
111 Israel Road SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

If you have any questions or would like to arrange for a meeting to discuss this determination, please call (360) 236-2955.

Sincerely,



Eric Hernandez, Program Manager
Certificate of Need
Office of Community Health Systems