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RE: Harborview Medical Center's 2019 Rulemaking Petition to Amend WAC 246-310-720 and WAC 246-310-745

Dr. Dellit,

Thank you for your January 4, 2024 letter regarding Harborview Medical Center's July 8, 2019 petition for rulemaking (2019 petition) that proposed amendments to WAC 246-310-720 and WAC 246-310-745. We acknowledge the delay in initiating rulemaking regarding the 2019 petition due to the unanticipated impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting attention needed to help facilities with waived requirements come back online.

The Department of Health's Certificate of Need (CN) program filed a CR-101 with the Office of the Code Reviser on January 16, 2024 to open the Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) rules. The CN program recently approved another rulemaking petition seeking to amend PCI volume standards and plans to address both petitions in this rulemaking. We hope to begin rule workshops, where proposed amendments to PCI rules will be discussed, in spring 2024.

Again, we apologize for the delay in opening the PCI rules in response to Harborview's 2019 petition and look forward to addressing Harborview's proposed amendments in upcoming PCI rule workshops.

Best,



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