

March 12, 2025

K. Erin Kobberstad, Vice President
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Sent only via email: ekobberstad@multicare.org

RE: CN Applications #25-01 & #25-02

Ms. Kobberstad:

Enclosed is Certificate of Need #20-21 and #20-22 issued to MEC Yakima, LLC and MultiCare Health System approving the establishment of a new three operating room surgery center (MEC Yakima) and the expansion of services at MultiCare Ridgeview in Yakima, within Yakima County.

The certificate is not an approval for any other local, federal, or state statutes, rules, or regulations. Such a project may also need Department of Health approval for a construction plan and facility licensing or certification, as well as other federal or local jurisdiction permits.

The Certificate of Need is valid for two years. The project must begin during this time. If there is substantial and continuing progress, we may extend the certificate for one six-month period. For an extension, you must submit an extension request at least 120 days before the expiration. You cannot begin a project after the expiration date.

This decision may be appealed. The appeal options are listed below.

Appeal Option 1:

Any person with standing may request a public hearing to reconsider this decision. The request must state the specific reasons for reconsideration in accordance with Washington Administrative Code 246-310-560. A reconsideration request must be received within 28 calendar days from the date of the decision at one of the following addresses:

Mailing Address:

Department of Health
Certificate of Need Program
Mail Stop 47852
Olympia, WA 98504-7852

Physical Address:

Department of Health
Certificate of Need Program
111 Israel Road SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

Appeal Option 2:

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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

We monitor projects until completed or the expiration date, whichever occurs last. We do this with quarterly progress reports. At least 30 days before the report's due date, you will receive a form to complete and return.

If you have any questions, please contact the Certificate of Need Program at (360) 236-2955.

Sincerely,



Eric Hernandez, Program Manager
Certificate of Need
Community Health Systems

Enclosure



This Certificate is granted under the authority of RCW 70.38. Issuance of this Certificate does not constitute approval under any other local, federal or state statute, implementing rules and regulations. Examples where additional approval may be necessary include, but are not limited to, construction plan approval through the Construction Review Unit of the Department of Health, facility licensing/certification through the Department of Social and Health Services or Department of Health, and other federal or local jurisdiction permits.

Certificate of Need #2022 is issued to:

Applicant's Legal Name: MultiCare Health System
Applicant's Address: 820 A Street Tacoma, WA 98402
Facility Type Ambulatory Surgical Facility
Project Type Ambulatory Surgical Facility
Facility Name: MultiCare Ridgeview
Facility Address: 2500 Racquet Lane Yakima, WA 98902

ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE OF NEED IS BASED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S RECORD AND EVALUATION DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2025 (CN APP # 25-02)

Project Description

This certificate approves the expansion of services provided at its existing MultiCare Ridgeview ambulatory surgical facility in Yakima within Yakima County. The surgery center will continue to have two operating rooms (ORs). The outpatient surgical services will be provided to patients that can be appropriately and safely treated in an outpatient setting. Brachytherapy, cardiology, gastroenterology, general surgery, gynecology, ophthalmology, orthopedics, pain management, podiatry, vascular, and urology.

Service Area
Yakima County

Conditions


1. MultiCare agrees with the project description as stated above. MultiCare further agrees that any change to the project described in the project description above is a new project that requires a new Certificate of Need.
2. MultiCare will continue to maintain both Medicare and Medicaid certification at the surgery center.
3. MultiCare will continue to provide charity care at the surgery center in compliance with its charity care policy reviewed for this project. MultiCare will use reasonable efforts to provide charity care in the amount consistent with the three-year average of charity care provided by the hospitals operating in Yakima County. The three-year average for the years 2020 - 2022 is 1.07% of gross revenues and 3.28% of adjusted revenues.
4. Prior to providing services at the new surgery center, MultiCare will submit an executed Patient Transfer Policy to the Certificate of Need Program for review and approval. The executed policy will be substantially consistent with the draft policy provided in the application.

Approved Capital Expenditure

The total capital expenditure for this project is \$3,496,161, which includes costs for purchasing the building and construction costs, equipment, and associated fees and taxes.

This Certificate authorizes commencement of the project from March 12, 2025 to March 12, 2027 unless extended, withdrawn, suspended, or revoked in accordance with applicable sections of the Certificate of Need law and regulations.

Date Certificate Issued: March 12, 2025


Eric Hernandez, Program Manager
Health Facilities and Certificate of Need
Washington State Department of Health

This Certificate is not transferable



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Certificate of Need #2021 is issued to:

Applicant's Legal Name: MEC Yakima, LLC
Applicant's Address: 820 A Street Tacoma, WA 98402
Facility Type Ambulatory Surgical Facility
Project Type Ambulatory Surgical Facility
Facility Name: MultiCare Endoscopy Center – Yakima
Facility Address: 3909 Creekside Loop, Ste. 125 Yakima, WA 98902

ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE OF NEED IS BASED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S RECORD AND EVALUATION DATED FEBRUARY 18, 2025 (CN APP # 25-01)

Project Description

This certificate approves the establishment of a surgery center in Yakima within Yakima County. The surgery center will have a total of three operating rooms (ORs). The outpatient surgical services will be provided to patients that can be appropriately and safely treated in an outpatient setting. Services to be provided at the surgery center are limited to endoscopy.

Service Area
Yakima County

Conditions


1. MEC Yakima, LLC agrees with the project description as stated above. MEC Yakima, LLC further agrees that any change to the project described in the project description above is a new project that requires a new Certificate of Need.
2. MEC Yakima, LLC will obtain and maintain both Medicare and Medicaid certification at the surgery center.
3. MEC Yakima, LLC will obtain and maintain a Washington State license.
4. MEC Yakima, LLC will provide charity care at the surgery center in compliance with its charity care policy reviewed for this project. MEC Yakima, LLC will use reasonable efforts to provide charity care in the amount consistent with the three-year average of charity care provided by the hospitals operating in Yakima County. The three-year average for the years 2022 - 2022 is 1.07% of gross revenues and 3.28% of adjusted revenues.
5. Prior to providing services at the new surgery center, MEC Yakima, LLC will submit an executed Charity Care Policy to the Certificate of Need Program for review and approval. The executed policy will be substantially consistent with the draft policy provided in the application and include the most recent Federal Poverty Guidelines.
6. Prior to providing services, MEC Yakima LLC will submit a list of credentialed staff that will be providing services at the facility.
7. Prior to providing services, MEC Yakima, LLC, will submit a list of ancillary and support services agreements that will be providing services at the facility.

Approved Capital Expenditure

The total capital expenditure for this project is \$6,009,170, which includes costs for purchasing the building and construction costs, equipment, and associated fees and taxes.

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