



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
PO Box 47852•Olympia, Washington 98504-7852

September 20, 2017

CERTIFIED MAIL # 7016 3010 0001 0575 1454

Gaia Lukevich, Administrator
Northwest Weight Loss Surgery
125 130th Street SE
Everett, WA 98208

RE: CN Application 17-24

Dear Ms. Lukevich:

Enclosed is Certificate of Need #1617 issued to Sound Surgeons, PLLC dba Northwest Weight Loss Surgery approving the establishment of an ambulatory surgery center in Everett, within Central Snohomish County.

The certificate is not 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:

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 Janis Sigman, Manager of the Certificate of Need Program at (360) 236-2955.

Sincerely,



Steve Bowman, PhD, MHA
Director, Office of 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 #1617 is issued to:

Legal Name of Applicant: Sound Surgeons, PLLC dba Northwest Weight Loss Surgery
Address of Applicant: 125 130th Street Southeast, Everett, WA 98208
Type of Service: Ambulatory Surgery Center
Facility Name: Sound Surgeons, PLLC dba Northwest Weight Loss Surgery
Facility Address: 125 130th Street Southeast, Everett, WA 98208

**ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE OF NEED IS BASED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S
RECORD AND EVALUATION DATED AUGUST 28, 2017 (CN App #17-24)**

Project Description

This certificate approves the establishment of a two operating room ambulatory surgery center located in Everett, within Central Snohomish County. Surgical services provided include ENT, gastroenterology, general surgery, gynecology, ophthalmology, orthopedics, pain management, plastic surgery, podiatry, urology, and bariatric surgeries that can be appropriately performed in an outpatient setting.

Service Area

Central Snohomish County

Conditions

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Approved Capital Expenditure

The approved capital expenditure associated with this project is \$100,000.

This Certificate authorizes commencement of the project from September 20, 2017 to September 20, 2019 unless extended, withdrawn, suspended, or revoked in accordance with applicable sections of the Certificate of Need law and regulations.

Date Certificate Issued: September 20, 2017

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Bowman', written over a horizontal line.

Steve Bowman, PhD, MHA
Director, Office of Community Health Systems

This Certificate is not transferable

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Conditions

1. Sound Surgeons, PLLC agrees with the project description as stated above. Sound Surgeons, PLLC further agrees that any change to the project as described in the project description above is a new project that requires a new Certificate of Need.
2. Sound Surgeons, PLLC will maintain Medicare and Medicaid certification, regardless of facility ownership.
3. Sound Surgeons, PLLC will submit a copy of the final executed medical director agreement prior to offering services. The agreement must be consistent with the draft provided to the department within the application.
4. Sound Surgeons, PLLC Center shall update information on their website to include the approved Charity Care Policy. It shall be available in the same location that the surgery center's other patient forms are located.
5. Sound Surgeons, PLLC will provide charity care in compliance with its charity care policies reviewed and approved by the Department of Health. Sound Surgeons, PLLC will use reasonable efforts to provide charity care in the amount identified in the application or the planning area average, whichever is higher. The planning area average is 2.6% of gross revenue. Sound Surgeons, PLLC will maintain records of charity care applications received and the dollar amount of charity care discounts granted. The department requires that these records be available upon request.