



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

July 6, 2018

John Y. Gregory, Chairman
Soundcare, Inc. – Nisqually Valley Care Center
1909 70th Avenue West, Suite A
University Place, WA 98466

Re: 18-10 Full Facility Closure Bed Banking-Licensee

Dear Mr. Gregory:

Thank you for your Nursing Home Full Facility Closure Bed Banking Application received on June 21, 2018. The application requests full facility closure bed banking for Nisqually Valley Care Center located in Pierce County. The department has granted your request to bank 63 beds. The bed banking will expire on May 23, 2026, or until Certificate of Need is issued, whichever comes first.

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-310-010(19) defines the “*effective date of facility closure*” as:

- (a) *The date on which the facility's license was relinquished, revoked or expired; or*
- (b) *The date the last resident leaves the facility, whichever comes first.*

According to information provided by the Department of Social and Health Services, Nisqually Valley Care Center discharged its last resident on May 22, 2018. Therefore, the effective date of Nisqually Valley Care Center’s closure was May 22, 2018.

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.38.115(13)(b) requires bed banking requests to be received in the Certificate of Need Program office no later than 30 days following a facility’s closure. For Nisqually Valley Care Center, that date was June 21, 2018. Your request was received on June 21, 2018.

RCW 70.38.115(1)(b) allows the licensee or any other party who has secured an interest in the beds to bank the beds under full facility closure for eight years from the date of the original bed banking. The department has confirmed that Nisqually Valley Care Center was the licensee at the time of the facility’s closure. The eight-year bed banking of the 63 beds at Nisqually Valley Care Center will expire on May 23, 2026, or until a Certificate of Need is issued.

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Please call me at (360) 236-2955 if you have any questions regarding the bed banking at Nisqually Valley Care Center.

Sincerely,



Janis Sigman, Manager
Certificate of Need Program
Community Health Systems

cc: Department of Social and Health Services