



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Certificate of Need Program
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May 4, 2018

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RE: Determination of Reviewability #18-20

Dear Mr. Austin:

The Department of Health has completed its review of your Determination of Reviewability [DOR] request to consolidate the two separate licenses issued to UW Medicine/University of Washington Medical Center and UW Medicine /Northwest Hospital & Medical Center into a single license issued to UW Medicine/University of Washington Medical Center. Below is the background information and facts considered and relied upon by the Department of Health Certificate of Need Program in its conclusion regarding your request for a DOR.

INFORMATION CONSIDERED

- UW Medicine/University of Washington Medical Center and UW Medicine /Northwest Hospital & Medical Center DOR request letter received April 19, 2018
- Department of Health Certificate of Need DOR #10-10 dated November 23, 2009
- Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.38
- Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-310
- Department of Health Integrated Licensing and Regulatory System (ILRS)
- Certificate of Need historical files

FACTS CONSIDERED

- On November 23, 2009, DOR #10-10 concluded the propose affiliation between UW Medicine/University of Washington Medical Center and UW Medicine /Northwest Hospital & Medical Center was not subject to Certificate of Need (CN) review and approval.
- The November 2009 decision identifies changes that if occurred, may require CN review. In that DOR the department attached four conditions restated below:
 - 1) Expansion in the number of beds at either hospital
 - 2) Expansion in the scope of services provided at either hospital that is subject to Certificate of Need review under the provisions of WAC 246-310-020;

- 3) Either hospital ceasing operations and then resuming services; and
- 4) Either hospital sold or leased to another entity.

UW Medicine / University of Washington Medical Center

- Currently, UW Medicine /University of Washington Medical Center has 529 license acute care beds¹. Below is a breakdown of the 529 beds.

Type of Service	Number of Licensed Beds
General Medical/Surgical	444
Level 2 intermediate care nursery	15
Level 3 neonatal intensive care unit	35
Psychiatric (PPS exempt)	16
Rehabilitation, Level 1 (PPS exempt)	19
Total	529

- The number of beds have not changed.
- Where applicable, UW Medicine /University of Washington Medicine Center submitted a Certificate of Need application for prior review and approval for expansion in the scope of services provided at the hospital since the DOR #10-10 decision.
- The hospital has not been sold or leased to another entity.

UW Medicine/ Northwest Hospital & Medical Center

- Currently, UW Medicine /Northwest Hospital & Medical Center has 281 license acute care beds². Below is a breakdown of the 281 beds.

Type of Service	Number of Licensed Beds
General Medical/Surgical	246
Level 2 intermediate care nursery	8
Psychiatric (PPS exempt)	27
Total	281

- The number of beds have not changed.
- Where applicable, UW Medicine /Northwest Hospital & Medical Center submitted a Certificate of Need application for prior review and approval for expansion in the scope services provided at the hospital since the DOR #10-10 decision.
- UW Medicine /Northwest Hospital & Medical Center has not been sold or leased to another entity.

¹ CN#1516 (HAC.FS.00000128)

² (HAC.FS.00000130)

CONCLUSION

Based on the totality of information considered, the department concludes the request to consolidate the two hospitals separate licenses into a single UW Medicine /University of Washington Medical Center license is exempt from Certificate of Need review. This exemption is not transferable, and the conclusion reached concerning this proposed consolidation of the two hospitals separate licenses to a single license; is based on the facts about the two hospitals and it should not be assumed the department would reach the same conclusion in future exemption requests by the hospitals.

CHANGES THAT MAY AFFECT THIS DECISION

Currently, UW Medicine /University of Washington Medical Center has 529 licensed acute care beds and UW Medicine /Northwest Hospital & Medical Center has 281 licensed acute care beds. If beds or services are moved from one hospital to the other, prior Certificate of Need review and approval is required. The four conditions attached to DOR #10-10 that could trigger a future review continue to remain. The conditions are restated below.

- 1) Expansion in the number of beds at either hospital
- 2) Expansion in the scope of services provided at either hospital that is subject to Certificate of Need review under the provisions of WAC 246-310-020
- 2) Either hospital ceasing operations and then resuming services
- 3) Either hospital sold or leased to another entity.

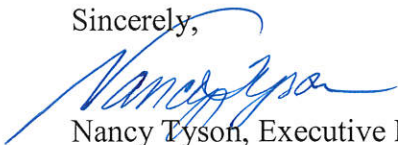
APPEAL OPTION

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 addresses listed on the following page.

<u>Mailing Address:</u>	<u>Physical Address</u>
Department of Health	Department of Health
Adjudicative Service Unit	Adjudicative Service Unit
Mail Stop 47879	111 Israel Road SE
Olympia, WA 98504-7879	Tumwater, WA 98501

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

Sincerely,



Nancy Tyson, Executive Director
Health Facilities and Certificate of Need
Community Health Systems

cc: Cindy Hecker, Executive Director, UW Medicine / Northwest Hospital & Medical Center