



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

December 23, 2014

Khashayar Dehghan, MD
Artistic Plastic Surgery Center, PLLC
3515 South 15th Street, #101
Tacoma, Washington 98405

RE: DOR #15-21

Dear Dr. Dehghan:

The Department of Health has completed the review of your exemption request regarding the proposed ambulatory surgery center in Tacoma, within Pierce County. Below is the information considered and the facts relied upon by the Certificate of Need Program in reaching its conclusion regarding your project.

INFORMATION CONSIDERED

- Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) exemption application received December 1, 2014
- Artistic Plastic Surgery Center website at www.artisticplasticsurgery.com
- Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.38
- Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-310
- Washington Secretary of State and Department of Revenue information obtained from the respective websites
- Department of Health external provider look-up
- Department of Health Integrated Licensing and Regulatory System (ILRS)
- Certificate of Need historical files

FACTS CONSIDERED

- On December 8, 1997, physician Thomas G. Griffith received an exemption from Certificate of Need for the establishment of an ambulatory surgery center in Tacoma. According to Certificate of Need historical files, the practice and surgery center, known as Artistic Plastic Surgery, remained in operation under the exemption through approximately year 2007.
- In early 2008, Khashayar Dehghan, MD, purchased the practice and adjoining surgery center from Thomas Griffith, MD.
- This application requests an exemption from Certificate of Need for Artistic Plastic Surgery Center, PLLC practice that is currently owned by Khashayar Dehghan, MD. This exemption is required because the previous exemption was based on a different physician ownership.

- Artistic Plastic Surgery Center, PLLC has been registered with the Washington State Secretary of State's office as a professional corporation since January 31, 2008. The corporation's governing officers are Khashayar Dehghan, MD member and Kelly Lane, manager.
- The corporation has been registered with the Department of Revenue since February 1, 2008.
- The current practice site of Artistic Plastic Surgery Center, PLLC is 3515 South 15th Street, #101 in Tacoma [98405].
- The exemption application identifies only the owning physician, Khashayar Dehghan, would have access to the surgery center.
- The proposed ASC would be operated under the corporation of Artistic Plastic Surgery Center, PLLC.
- Procedures to be performed at the ASC are those typically associated with plastic surgery, such as face, hand, and body procedures. An explanation of the types of procedures and a listing of most common procedures was provided in the application and substantiated by the Artistic Plastic Surgery Center website.
- The proposed ASC would not be operated under a management agreement.

CONCLUSION

Based on the totality of information considered, the department concludes the proposed ASC would be exempt from Certificate of Need review. This exemption is not transferable and the conclusions reached concerning this proposed ASC are based on the facts about this facility and it should not be assumed the department would reach the same conclusion in future exemption requests for other future ASCs.

If changes are made in the operation or ownership of this proposed ASC, the ASC may no longer be eligible for this exemption. In that case, prior Certificate of Need review and approval or new exemption would be required. Examples of such changes include the following. This list is not intended to be all inclusive.

- The scope of services is expanded to include services subject to Certificate of Need review under the provisions of WAC 246-310-020.
- The provision of any procedure as identified under WAC 246-310-705(4).
- The ASC is operated under a management agreement.
- The ASC is organized as a separate legal entity from the practice.
- The ASC is moved to a different site than identified in the exemption application.
- Use of the ASC is extended to any physician who is not a member/owner or employed by Artistic Plastic Surgery Center, PLLC.
- The ASC ceases operations or relinquishes its Medicare certification and then chooses to resume services as an ASC.
- The ASC or the practice is purchased or leased.
- ASC patients are routinely transferred from the ASC for observation care at one of the area's hospitals.

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APPEAL OPTION

This decision may be appealed. The appeal option is listed below.

Appeal Option 1:

You 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 below.

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
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If you have any questions, you can e-mail me at karen.nidermayer@doh.wa.gov or call me directly at (360) 236-2957.

Sincerely,



Karen Nidermayer, Analyst
Certificate of Need Program
Community Health Systems

cc: Department of Health, Investigations and Inspections Office