



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

June 10, 2013

Sandford M. Melzer, MD, Senior Vice President  
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4800 Sand Point Way Northeast  
Seattle, Washington 98145

DOR #13-34

Dear Dr. Melzer:

We have completed review of your letter and supporting documentation regarding the pediatric level of care for Seattle Children's Hospital based on the February 2013 level of care guidelines. Below is the information considered and the facts relied upon by the Certificate of Need Program in reaching the conclusion.

**INFORMATION CONSIDERED**

- Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.38
- Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-310
- Washington State Perinatal and Neonatal Level of Care Guidelines, February 2013
- Seattle Children's Hospital May 13, 2013, Determination of Reviewability (DOR) request
- Seattle Children's Hospital supplemental information received on May 14 and June 7, 2013
- Certificate of Need historical files for Seattle Children's Hospital<sup>1</sup>

**CONCLUSION**

Based on the totality of information considered, Seattle Children's Hospital is recognized as a level IV provider as described in the February 2013 level of care guidelines. The department further recognizes that Seattle Children's Hospital has 19 pediatric beds licensed for this care. Please note that any increase in level IV pediatric beds beyond 19 requires prior Certificate of Need review and approval.

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<sup>1</sup> CN #1163 approving pediatric lung transplants and CN#1184 approving pediatric bone marrow transplant services.



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**APPEAL OPTION**

This decision may be appealed. 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 following addresses:

Mailing Address:

Department of Health  
Adjudicative Service Unit  
Mail Stop 47879  
Olympia, WA 98504-7879

Other Than By Mail

Department of Health  
Adjudicative Service Unit  
111 Israel Road SE  
Tumwater, WA 98501

Please call me directly at (360) 236-2957 if you have any questions or you would like to meet to discuss this determination.

Sincerely,



Karen Nidermayer, Analyst  
Certificate of Need Program  
Office of Certification and Technical Support

cc: Department of Health, Investigations and Inspections Office  
Bat-Sheva Stein, Department of Health