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Eric Hernandez, Manager
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111 Israel Rd. S.E.
Tumwater, WA 98501

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Exp: June 23, 2022

Re: Letter of Intent to transition NICU from Tacoma General Hospital to Mary Bridge Children's Hospital

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

In accordance with WAC 246-310-080, MultiCare Health System ("MultiCare") dba Tacoma General Hospital ("Tacoma General") and MultiCare Mary Bridge Children's Hospital ("Mary Bridge") submits this Letter of Intent ("LOI") to transition the 30-bed Level II Intermediate Care and the 40-bed Level IV NICU (collectively the "NICU") from the Tacoma General to the Mary Bridge hospital license.

1. Description of proposed service

Tacoma General and Mary Bridge are separately licensed hospitals operated by MultiCare on a single campus in Tacoma, Washington. Tacoma General currently operates the NICU and MultiCare proposes to transition those beds from the Tacoma General license to the Mary Bridge license. The physical location of the NICU will not change nor will there be any change in the scope of services provided in the NICU.

2. Estimated cost of the project

The estimated capital cost of the project is \$94,000.

3. Identification of the service area

The service area is Central Pierce Secondary Hospital Planning Area. However, it should be noted that Mary Bridge, as one of three pediatric hospitals in Washington, serves a much larger geographic area.

Please submit any notices, correspondence, communications and documents to:

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Thank you for your support. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "K. Erin Kobberstad". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

K. Erin Kobberstad
Vice President
Strategic Planning
MultiCare Health System