



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

March 18, 2021

Sandra VanderYacht, RN
Northwest Endoscopy Center, LLC
e-mail: sjvanderya@hinet.org

RE: Certificate of Need Application #21-12 – Certificate of Need #1880

Dear Ms. VanderYacht:

Enclosed is Certificate of Need #1880 issued to Northwest Endoscopy Center, LLC approving the relocation and expansion of the surgery center known as Northwest Endoscopy Center.

The certificate is not an approval for any other local, federal, or state statutes, rules, or regulations. Such a project may also need Department of Health approval for a construction plan and facility licensing or certification, as well as other federal or local jurisdiction permits.

The Certificate of Need is valid for two years. The project must begin during this time. If there is substantial and continuing progress, we may extend the certificate for one six-month period. For an extension, you must submit an extension request at least 120 days before the expiration. You cannot begin a project after the expiration date.

This decision may be appealed. The appeal options are listed below.

Appeal Option 1:

Any person with standing may request a public hearing to reconsider this decision. The request must state the specific reasons for reconsideration in accordance with Washington Administrative Code 246-310-560. A reconsideration request must be received within 28 calendar days from the date of the decision at one of the following addresses:

Mailing Address:
Department of Health
Certificate of Need Program
Mail Stop 47852
Olympia, WA 98504-7852

Physical Address:
Department of Health
Certificate of Need Program
111 Israel Road SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

Appeal Option 2:

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

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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

Physical Address

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

We monitor projects until completed or the expiration date, whichever occurs last. We do this with quarterly progress reports. At least 30 days before the report's due date, you will receive a form to complete and return.

If you have any questions, please contact the Certificate of Need Program at (360) 236-2955.

Sincerely,



Eric Hernandez, Program Manager
Certificate of Need
Office of Community Health Systems

Enclosure



This Certificate is granted under the authority of RCW 70.38. Issuance of this Certificate does not constitute approval under any other local, federal or state statute, implementing rules and regulations. Examples where additional approval may be necessary include, but are not limited to, construction plan approval through the Construction Review Unit of the Department of Health, facility licensing/certification through the Department of Social and Health Services or Department of Health, and other federal or local jurisdiction permits.

Certificate of Need #1880 is issued to:

Applicant's Legal Name: Northwest Endoscopy Center, LLC
Applicant's Current Address: 2930 Squalicum Parkway, #202, Bellingham, Washington 98225
Facility Type Ambulatory Surgical Facility
Project Type Ambulatory Surgical Facility
Facility Name: Northwest Endoscopy Center
Facility New Address: 3111 Woburn Street, Bellingham, Washington 98226

ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE OF NEED IS BASED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S RECORD AND EVALUATION DATED MARCH 12, 2021 (CN APP # 21-12)

Project Description

This certificate approves the establishment of an ambulatory surgical facility in Whatcom County. The surgical facility will have five operating rooms and provide endoscopy services as described in the application. The surgical facility will serve patients who require surgical services, are not expected to require hospitalization, and can be served appropriately in an outpatient setting.

Service Area

Whatcom County

Conditions

1. Northwest Endoscopy Center, LLC agrees with the project description as stated above. Northwest Endoscopy Center, LLC further agrees that any change to the project as described in the project description above is a new project that requires a new Certificate of Need.
2. Northwest Endoscopy Center, LLC will obtain and maintain Medicare and Medicaid certification for the surgery center at the new site.
3. Northwest Endoscopy Center, LLC shall finance this project as described in the application.
4. Prior to providing surgical services, Northwest Endoscopy Center, LLC shall submit to the Certificate of Need Program the Non-Discrimination Policy in final form. The final policy shall be consistent with the draft policy provided in the application.
5. Northwest Endoscopy Center, LLC will provide charity care in compliance with its charity care policy reviewed for this project. Northwest Endoscopy Center, LLC will use reasonable efforts to provide charity care in the amount consistent with the three-year average of charity care for gross revenue provided by PeaceHealth St. Joseph Hospice located in Whatcom County. The gross revenue three-year average for years 2017 – 2019 is 1.48%.
6. Northwest Endoscopy Center, LLC will maintain records of charity care applications received and the dollar amount of charity care discounts granted at the new surgery center. The records must be available upon request.

Approved Capital Expenditure

The approved capital expenditure for this project is \$7,741,085 and includes construction costs and fixed and moveable equipment (including associated taxes) necessary for the establishment of a new ambulatory surgical facility, fees for consulting and inspections, and costs for securing financing for the project.

This Certificate authorizes commencement of the project from March 18, 2021 to March 18, 2023 unless extended, withdrawn, suspended, or revoked in accordance with applicable sections of the Certificate of Need law and regulations.

Date Certificate Issued: March 18, 2021

Eric Hernandez, Program Manager
Community Health Systems

This Certificate is not transferable