



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

March 20, 2020

Andrew Heishman, Administrator
St. Francis of Bellingham
3121 Squalicum Parkway
Bellingham, Washington 98225

RE: Alternate Use Bed Banking #20-09

Dear Mr. Heishman:

Thank you for the Nursing Home Alternative Use Bed Banking Notice submitted by St. Francis Operations, LLC, the nursing home licensee of St. Francis of Bellingham. Currently St. Francis of Bellingham is licensed for 120 nursing home beds and has no banked beds. The notice requests to bank 15 nursing home beds under the alternate use provisions of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.38.111(9) at St. Francis of Bellingham.

The table below shows the room number, the current number of beds in each room, and the proposed number of beds to be banked. The table below also shows the reason for the bed banking and the remaining number of beds in each of rooms after banking (if any).

Room #	Current # of licensed beds in Room	# of Beds to Bank	Purpose of Bed Banking	# of Beds Remaining After Banking
231	2	1	Converting to private room	1
232	2	1	Converting to private room	1
233	2	1	Converting to private room	1
234	2	1	Converting to private room	1
235	2	1	Converting to private room	1
237	2	1	Converting to private room	1
242	2	1	Converting to private room	1
243	2	1	Converting to private room	1
244	2	1	Converting to private room	1
245	2	1	Converting to private room	1
247	2	1	Converting to private room	1
249	2	1	Converting to private room	1
255	2	1	Converting to private room	1
256	2	1	Converting to private room	1
257	2	1	Converting to private room	1
Total	30	15		15

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Based on the information provided, the Certificate of Need Program approves your request to bank 15 beds at St. Francis of Bellingham under the alternate use provisions of RCW 70.38.111(9). After the 15 beds are banked, St. Francis of Bellingham's total number of licensed beds will be 105 with 15 beds banked under alternate use. To effectuate this bed banking, you must proceed with de-licensing of the 15 beds with the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS).

RCW 70.38.111(9)(c) allows for a facility to bank beds for up to four years from the effective date. Once DSHS provides the CN Program with notification of the de-licensure of beds, our records will be updated to indicate that the 15 beds are banked for a term of four years.

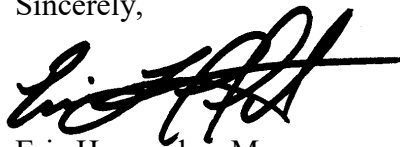
Note: Approval of this bed banking does not constitute approval under any other local, federal or state statute, implementing rules and regulations. Examples where additional approval may be necessary includes, but is not limited to, construction plan approval through the Construction Review Section 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.

Also Note: Under the nursing home licensing WAC 388-97-3400 and 388-97-2160 (2)(b), a change in the use of a room requires review and approval by the Construction Review Program of the Department of Health. The contact number for Construction Review is (360) 236-2944.

If St. Francis Operations, LLC decides to modify the room numbers or alternative uses for the beds that have been banked at St. Francis of Bellingham, notification to the Certificate of Need Program is necessary under the provisions of WAC 246-310-395(4) to assure continued compliance with RCW 70.38.111(9)(a) and WAC 246-310-395.

If you have any question concerning the alternate use bed banking, please call the Certificate of Need Program at (360) 236-2955.

Sincerely,



Eric Hernandez, Manager
Certificate of Need Program

cc: Department of Social and Health Services