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To whom it may concern:

Please find enclosed a letter of intent on behalf of Heartlinks to establish at home hospice services in Franklin County, Washington.

Thank you,

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Certificate of Need Program  
Washington State Department of Health  
111 Israel Road SE  
Olympia, WA 98504-7852

Dear Officer,

Please accept this letter of intent pursuant to WAC 246-310-080 and WAC 246-310-290 on behalf of Heartlinks to expand its at-home hospice services to Franklin County, Washington.

**A description of the services proposed:**

Heartlinks provides the following at-home services, which are in high demand due to an aging population: Hospice Care, Palliative Care, and Grief Support. Heartlinks specializes in at-home hospice services, and in 2021 provided care to 423 patients through its main location in Grandview, Yakima County.

Since March 30, 2020, when Proclamation 20-36 was issued, Heartlinks has experienced an increase in demand in Franklin County and has utilized Proclamation 20-36 to accommodate the continuous surge of individuals in need of care. Heartlinks is proposing to continue providing services to residents of Franklin County by seeking an official Certificate of Need with the Washington State Department of Health.

**The estimated cost of the proposed project:**

The estimated cost of the proposed expansion would be: \$168,306.71. This number represents the estimated staffing costs for the proposed project. This amount is negligible because no new offices, equipment, or other hard assets are required for this expansion to provide in-home services.

**An identification of the service area:**

Heartlinks is seeking to expand its service area from its current service area in Benton County, WA, and Yakima County, WA, to also providing services throughout Franklin County, WA. Services will be community-based and occur in each patient's home.

**Increase capacity information/patient transition plan:**

Heartlinks currently is providing care to an increased number of patients and their families in Franklin County. If a patient transition plan were necessary, Heartlinks would work with Chaplaincy Health Care to transfer patients into their care and/or Heartlinks could continue to provide care until that patient passes, with permission from the Department of Health.

If you have any questions, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the contact information below.

Sincerely,



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