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Ms. Janis Sigman
Manager, Certificate of Need Program
Department of Health
P.O. Box 47852
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RE: Letter of Intent
Forks Community Hospital
Swing Bed Expansion

Dear Ms. Sigman:

This letter of intent is for Forks Community Hospital to expand our current licensed Medicare swing beds from 17 to the allowable 25 under RCW 70.38.105(4)(e) which exempts Forks Community Hospital from having to obtain a Certificate of Need in situations where we are increasing the total number of licensed beds to the federal limit of 25.

RCW 70.38.105(4)(e):

A health care facility certified as a critical access hospital under 42 U.S.C. 1395i-4 may increase its total number of licensed beds to the total number of beds permitted under 42 U.S.C. 1395i-4 for acute care and may redistribute beds permitted under 42 U.S.C. 1395i-4 among acute care and nursing home care without being subject to certificate of need review.

Description of Project:

The hospital plans to delicense all 20 Long Term Care beds. In that space the hospital is planning on expanding the hospital swing bed program by adding 20 swing beds which would bring our total swing beds to the program allowable, 25.

Estimated Cost of the Project:

The hospital is anticipating minimal project cost as we are repurposing an operational area of the hospital which is already meeting current construction code.

Description of the Service Area:

Clallam County is the service area for the expansion of the twenty swing beds.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer
Forks Community Hospital

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