

October 28, 2022

Eric Hernandez, Program Manager
Certificate of Need Program
Washington State Department of Health
111 Israel Road SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

**Re: Letter of Intent: COVID-19 Waiver Offboarding of FKC Panorama Dialysis Facility in
Spokane 02 ESRD Planning Area**

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

Inland Northwest Renal Care Group, LLC intends to file a certificate of need to maintain one additional in-center dialysis station at its existing kidney dialysis center, d.b.a Fresenius Kidney Care Panorama (“FKC Panorama”) that was allowed under the Proclamation 20-36 emergency waiver. In accordance with WAC 246-310-080, the following information is provided:

1. Description of the services proposed:

Maintain one (1) additional in-center dialysis station at FKC Panorama allowed under the Proclamation 20-36 emergency waiver. If the request is approved, then FKC Panorama will be CN-approved to operate a total of 7 stations, inclusive of its one isolation station.

2. Estimated Cost of the Proposed Project:

The total estimated capital expenditures are \$0.

3. Description of the Service Area:

The service area is the Spokane 02 ESRD Dialysis Planning Area.

Please also see a summary patient transition plan, attached as Appendix 1, if this request is denied.

Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions on this letter of intent. I can be reached at 303.712.1802 or luca.chiastra@fmc-na.com.

Sincerely,



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Fresenius Medical Care

Appendix 1.
Patient Transition Plan

Patient Transition Plan for FKC Panorama (October 2022)

In the case where our Fresenius Kidney Care Panorama clinic (FKC Panorama) in Deer Park, WA is unable to retain the one (1) additional station that has been in use under the COVID-19 emergency waiver, we would need to actively transfer patients out of the clinics due to the inability to add additional shifts in the current clinic.

A summary of the patient transition plan for patients impacted if FKC Panorama is unable to retain the one additional station is presented below.

1. Inform the patients of the loss of capacity in the center and the necessary schedule change. Notice will be provided in-person and detailed in an accompanying letter.
2. Assist patients to obtain dialysis placement in other facilities.
 - a. Present the patients with facility choices that would include the closest clinics¹:
 - i. Northpointe (FKC) ~ 16 miles
 - ii. North Spokane (DVA) ~ 16 miles
 - iii. Indian Trail (DVA) ~20 miles
 - iv. If a patient's residence is north of Deer Park, WA, then FKC Colville in Colville, WA may also be appropriate. Note: as of October 2022, it is our understanding that DaVita's Echo Valley facility in Colville, WA is no longer operational.
 - b. Social Worker to keep in communication with patients and ensure any needs are addressed. Evaluate whether transportation assistance is indicated.
3. Work with selected clinics on new schedule and start date for patients. Prepare and coordinate appropriate clinical and administrative documentation necessary for patient transition.
4. Patients begin dialysis at new clinics.

¹ Distance (miles) based on Google Maps. Accessed 08/17/22.