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Re: North Kitsap Ambulatory Surgery Center, Inc.

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

Our office represents North Kitsap Ambulatory Surgery Center, Inc. (“North Kitsap Ambulatory Surgery Center”). Pursuant to WAC 246-310-050(1), North Kitsap Ambulatory Surgery Center submits the following information in order to request a formal applicability determination regarding whether its certificate of need (“CN”) approved ambulatory surgical facility (“ASF”) may provide pacemaker and defibrillator implant procedures without additional review under chapter 70.38 RCW.

North Kitsap Ambulatory Surgery Center’s ASF does business as Pacific Surgery Center at 20669 Bond Road N.E., Suite 200, Poulsbo, WA 98370. On March 28, 2024, the Washington State Department of Health issued CN #1785A to North Kitsap Ambulatory Surgery Center. CN #1785A contains the following project description:

Project Description

This amended certificate approves the addition of one operating room to Pacific Surgery center, for a facility total of four operating rooms. The facility is located in Poulsbo within Kitsap County. The surgery center will serve patients aged 6 months and older that require surgical services that can be served appropriately in an outpatient setting. Surgical services within the four ORs include gastroenterology, general surgery, gynecology, ophthalmology,

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orthopedics, otolaryngology, pain management, plastics, podiatry, radiology oncology, and urology.

The performance of pacemaker and defibrillator implant procedures does not require any construction at the ASF. It does not require North Kitsap Ambulatory Surgery Center to incur any costs. These procedures will be performed by general surgeons and/or cardiologists credentialed with Pacific Surgery Center and who have passed the International Board of Health Rhythm Examiners exam or clinical cardiac electrophysiology certification from the American Board of Internal Medicine.

While North Kitsap Ambulatory Surgery Center understands these procedures fall within the category of general surgery, it wants to ensure the Department agrees that it does not require additional CN review.

If you would like any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Studebaker", written in a cursive style.

Emily R. Studebaker

cc: Jamie Fowler, BHCA, CASC,
North Kitsap Ambulatory Surgery Center, Inc.