



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

February 18, 2014

Kristopher Kitz, Director
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DOR #14-07

Dear Mr. Kitz:

We have completed review of your letter and supporting documentation regarding the pediatric level of care for Tacoma General Hospital based on the February 2013 level of care guidelines. Below is the information considered and the facts relied upon by the Certificate of Need Program in reaching the conclusion.

INFORMATION CONSIDERED

- Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.38
- Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-310
- Washington State Perinatal and Neonatal Level of Care Guidelines, February 2013
- Tacoma General Hospital's August 19, 2013, Determination of Reviewability (DOR) request
- Tacoma General Hospital's supplemental information received on December 20, 2013
- Certificate of Need Program meeting notes from November 12, 2013, meeting with representative from MultiCare Tacoma General Hospital
- Data provided by Craig Jackson, MD received on October 31, 2013, November 8, 2013, December 2, 2013, January 23, 2014
- Data provided by Bat-Sheva Stein received on October 25, 2013, and February 10, 2013
- Certificate of Need historical files for MultiCare Tacoma General Hospital

CONCLUSION

Based on the totality of information considered, Tacoma General Hospital is not recognized as a level IV provider as described in the February 2013 level of care guidelines. Any expansion of MultiCare Tacoma General Hospital to level IV services requires prior Certificate of Need review and approval.



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APPEAL OPTION

This decision may be appealed. You may request an adjudicative proceeding to contest this decision within 28 calendar days from the date of this letter. The notice of appeal must be filed according to the provisions of Revised Code of Washington 34.05 and Washington Administrative Code 246-310-610. A request for an adjudicative proceeding must be received within the 28 days at one of the following addresses:

Mailing Address:

Department of Health
Adjudicative Service Unit
Mail Stop 47879
Olympia, WA 98504-7879

Other Than By Mail

Department of Health
Adjudicative Service Unit
111 Israel Road SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

Please call me directly at (360) 236-2955 if you have any questions or you would like to meet to discuss this determination.

Sincerely,



Janis Sigman, Manger
Certificate of Need Program
Community Health Systems

cc: Department of Health, Investigations and Inspections Office
Bat-Sheva Stein, Department of Health
Craig Jackson, MD