



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

September 18, 2015

Stephen P. Zieniewicz, FACHE Executive Director
University of Washington Medical Center
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Seattle, Washington 98195

RE: DOR #15-44

Dear Mr. Zieniewicz:

We have completed review of your letter and supporting documentation regarding the pediatric level of care for University of Washington Medical Center 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
- University of Washington Medical Center's May 15, 2015, Determination of Reviewability (DOR) request
- Certificate of Need historical files for University of Washington Medical Center

CONCLUSION

Based on the totality of information considered, University of Washington Medical Center is recognized as a level IV provider as described in the February 2013 level of care guidelines. The department further recognizes that University of Washington Medical Center has 35 level III neonatal intensive care beds at the hospital and all 35 beds would be available for level IV use. Please note that any increase in level IV pediatric beds beyond 35 requires prior Certificate of Need review and approval.

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APPEAL OPTION

This decision may be appealed. You or any person with standing 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

Physical Address

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