



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

November 16, 2018

Sara Brown, Vice President
Risk and Regulatory
Confluence Health
820 North Chelan Street
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Re: 19-01 Full Facility Closure Bed Banking Request

Dear Ms. Brown:

Thank you for the Nursing Home Full Facility Closure Bed Banking Notice submitted by Central Washington Health Services Association for Central Washington Hospital. The application was received in the Certificate of Need Program office on October 24, 2018.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On September 13, 2011, Certificate of Need (CN) was issued to Central Washington Hospital approving the establishment of a 22-bed transitional care unit (TCU). The TCU became operational on December 12, 2011. The addition of the 22-bed TCU increased Central Washington Hospital's acute care hospital license from 176 to 198.

FULL FACILITY CLOSURE BED BANKING APPLICATION

The Nursing Home Full Facility Closure Bed Banking Notice requests full facility closure bed banking for the 22 TCU beds at Central Washington Hospital. The department has granted your request to bank 22 beds. The full facility closure bed banking will expire on October 31, 2026, or until Certificate of Need is issued.

INFORMATION CONSIDERED

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-310-010(19) defines the "effective date of facility closure" as:

- (a) *The date on which the facility's license was relinquished, revoked or expired; or*
- (b) *The date the last resident leaves the facility, whichever comes first.*

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According to information provided by Central Washington Health Services Association, Central Washington Hospital's last resident was transferred out of the TCU on October 31, 2018. Therefore, the effective date of the TCU's closure is October 31, 2018.

RCW 70.38.115(13)(b) allows the licensee or any other party who has secured an interest in the beds to bank the beds under full facility closure for eight years from the date of the original bed banking. The department has confirmed that Central Washington Health Services Association was the licensee at the time of the TCU's closure. Central Washington Health Services Association submitted the bed banking application.

On September 25, 2018, the Department of Health's hospital licensing section received your amended hospital license application. The amended application requests a 22-bed reduction in licensed acute care beds at Central Washington Hospital from 198 to 176. This bed reeducation is the result of the hospital's closure of the 22-bed TCU. The amended hospital license application will be processed for 176 acute care beds.¹

If you have any questions or you would like to arrange for a meeting or conference call to discuss this decision, please call me at (360) 236-2955.

Sincerely,



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Certificate of Need Program
Community Health Systems

cc: Department of Social and Health Services

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