

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

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To Washington State Dialysis Facilities:

Effective January 1, 2018, WAC 246-310-809 allows each facility to receive a one-time, one-station administrative adjustment to their station count for a dedicated isolation station¹¹.

Every facility will receive an updated Certificate of Need that reflects this one-station addition. For example, a 12-station facility would become a 13-station facility, and so on.

An updated certificate will not exempt any facilities from the process of certifying their new station. The department has been in contact with CMS to inform them of our rule revision. Requests for CMS certification must follow their process.

Note – this would NOT preclude a facility from using this station for private-pay patients only.

The example below shows a facility before and after this administrative adjustment:

Station Type	Before		After	
	CMS Certified Stations	Stations Counted for Station Use and Methodology	CMS Certified Stations	Stations Counted for Station Use and Methodology
“Regular Stations”	15	15	16	16
Permanent Bed Station	1	1	1	1
Isolation Stations	3	3	2	2
Exempt Isolation Station Approved 1/1/2018	0	0	1	0
Total	19	19	20	19

If you have any questions or would like to arrange for a meeting to discuss this information, please contact Janis Sigman with the Certificate of Need Program at (360) 236-2955.

Sincerely,
 Janis R. Sigman, Program Manager
 Certificate of Need Program

¹¹ (9) "Exempt isolation station" means one certificate of need approved certified station per facility dedicated to patients requiring medically necessary isolation. This station may not be used for nonisolation treatments. This one approved station is included in the kidney dialysis facility's total CMS certified station count. However, for purposes of certificate of need, this one isolation station is not included in the facility's station count for projecting future station need or in calculating existing station use. Providers may operate more than one isolation station, but only one is excluded from the facility's station count for purposes of projecting future station need and in calculating existing station use.



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