

Gastroenterology Associates, LLC
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CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

July 9, 2018

VIA EMAIL AND USPS MAIL DELIVERY

Janis R. Sigman, Program Manager
Washington State Department of Health
Office of Certification & Enforcement
Certificate of Need Program
111 Israel Road SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

Re: Letter of Intent – Ambulatory Surgery Center – Olympia, WA

Dear Ms. Sigman:

In accordance with WAC 246-310-080, Gastroenterology Associates, LLC (“GA”) respectfully submits this Letter of Intent (“LOI”) proposing to operate GA’s ambulatory surgery center (“ASC”) in a new facility and location in Thurston County. GA’s ASC has operated under Certificate of Need #1618 since January 1, 2018, and prior to that, as a certificate of need exempt ASC.

1. Description of proposed services: GA proposes to operate a free-standing ASC in Thurston County, Washington. GA plans to move from its current location (at 500 Lilly Road NE, Olympia, Washington) to the new location, less than one mile from its current location. By this LOI and subsequent CON application, GA is proposing to physically move its existing dedicated outpatient endoscopy ASC. Nothing in this application seeks to change the physician staffing, ownership, operation of, or scope and type of services offered by, the ASC. The ASC will remain a dedicated outpatient endoscopy ASC. The planned ASC will have four (4) procedure rooms, which is one (1) more than GA currently operates under Certificate of Need #1618.
2. Estimated cost of proposed project: The total estimated capital expenditure is \$371,281.
3. Service Area: GA is located in, and will continue to be located in, Thurston County, and will serve patients from Thurston County and the surrounding areas.

Please let me know if there are any questions regarding this LOI. I can be reached by telephone at (360) 413-8250 or by email to rjoe@washgi.com. You may also contact our Practice Administrator, Kelly Auvinen, by telephone at (360) 413-8155 or by email at

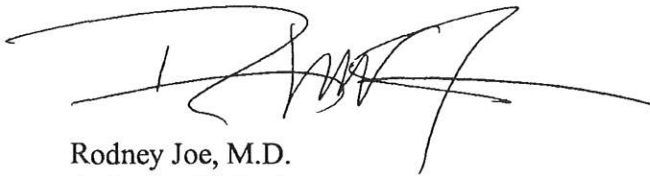
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kauvinen@washgi.com. Please copy our practice attorney, Mark A. Peternell of Bean, Gentry,
Wheeler & Peternell, PLLC, on all correspondence or questions at mpeternell@bgwp.net.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

GASTROENTEROLOGY ASSOCIATES, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rodney Joe', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rodney Joe, M.D.
Authorized Member

cc: Beth Harlow, Department of Health Certificate of Need Program