



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
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June 27, 2019

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Theresa Boyle, Senior VP  
MultiCare Health System  
PO Box 5299  
Mail Stop 603-1-SBD  
Tacoma, WA 98415

RE: Certificate of Need Application #18-20

Dear Ms. Boyle:

Enclosed is Certificate of Need #1784 issued to MultiCare Health System approving the addition of 14 level IV NICU beds to MultiCare Tacoma General/Allenmore Hospital in Tacoma, within Pierce County.

The certificate is not an approval for any other local, federal, or state statutes, rules, or regulations. Such a project may also need Department of Health approval for a construction plan and facility licensing or certification, as well as other federal or local jurisdiction permits.

The Certificate of Need is valid for two years. The project must begin during this time. If there is substantial and continuing progress, we may extend the certificate for one six month period. For an extension, you must submit an extension request at least 120 days before the expiration. You cannot begin a project after the expiration date.

This decision may be appealed. The appeal options are listed below.

Appeal Option 1:

Any person with standing may request a public hearing to reconsider this decision. The request must state the specific reasons for reconsideration in accordance with Washington Administrative Code 246-310-560. A reconsideration request must be received within 28 calendar days from the date of the decision at one of the following addresses:

Mailing Address:  
Department of Health  
Certificate of Need Program  
Mail Stop 47852  
Olympia, WA 98504-7852

Physical Address:  
Department of Health  
Certificate of Need Program  
111 Israel Road SE  
Tumwater, WA 98501

Appeal Option 2:

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

We monitor projects until completed or the expiration date, whichever occurs last. We do this with quarterly progress reports. At least 30 days before the report's due date, you will receive a form to complete and return.

If you have any questions, please contact the Certificate of Need Program at (360) 236-2955.

Sincerely,



Nancy Tyson, Executive Director  
Health Facilities and Certificate of Need  
Community Health Systems

Enclosure



This Certificate is granted under the authority of RCW 70.38. Issuance of this Certificate does not constitute approval under any other local, federal or state statute, implementing rules and regulations. Examples where additional approval may be necessary include, but are not limited to, construction plan approval through the Construction Review Unit of the Department of Health, facility licensing/certification through the Department of Social and Health Services or Department of Health, and other federal or local jurisdiction permits.

**Certificate of Need #1784 is issued to:**

**Applicant's Legal Name:** MultiCare Health System  
**Applicant's Address:** PO Box 5299, Mail Stop 603-1-SBD Tacoma, WA 98415  
**Facility Type** Acute Care Hospital  
**Project Type** Tertiary Service - NICU Level IV  
**Facility Name:** Tacoma General/Allenmore Hospital  
**Facility Address:** 315 Martin Luther King Jr Way, Tacoma, WA 98405

**ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE OF NEED IS BASED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S  
RECORD AND EVALUATION DATED JUNE 14, 2019 (CN APP # 18-30 )**

**Project Description**

This certificate approves the addition of 14 level IV neonatal intensive care unit beds to MultiCare Tacoma General/Allenmore Hospital located in Tacoma. At project completion, Tacoma General/Allenmore Hospital will be operating a 54-bed level IV neonatal intensive care unit. Below is the configuration of acute care beds at completion of this project.

Services Provided	Tacoma General Campus	Allenmore Campus	Total
General Medical Surgical	337	130	467
Intermediate Care Nursery - Level II	30	0	30
Neonatal Intensive Care Nursery – Level IV	54	0	54
Psychiatric [dedicated]	30	0	30
<b>Total</b>	451	130	581

**Service Area**

Pierce County and surrounding areas

**Conditions**

The conditions are identified on page 2 of this certificate

**Approved Capital Expenditure**

\$6,901,360

This Certificate authorizes commencement of the project from June 27, 2019 to June 27, 2021 unless extended, withdrawn, suspended, or revoked in accordance with applicable sections of the Certificate of Need law and regulations.

**Date Certificate Issued: June 27, 2019**

Nancy Tyson, Executive Director  
Health Facilities and Certificate of Need  
Washington State Department of Health

**This Certificate is not transferable**



## **Certificate of Need #1784**

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#### **Conditions**

1. Approval of the project description as stated above. MultiCare Health System further agrees that any change to the project as described in the project description is a new project that requires a new Certificate of Need.
2. MultiCare Health System shall finance the project as described in the application.
3. Tacoma General/Allenmore Hospital will provide charity care in compliance with its charity care policies reviewed and approved by the Department of Health, or any subsequent policies reviewed and approved by the Department of Health. Tacoma General/Allenmore Hospital will use reasonable efforts to provide charity care in an amount comparable to or exceeding the amount of charity care identified in the application or average amount of charity care provided by hospitals in the Puget Sound Region. Currently, this amount is 1.03% gross revenue and 2.93% of adjusted revenue. Tacoma General/Allenmore Hospital will maintain records of charity care applications received and the dollar amount of charity care discounts granted. The department requires these records to be available upon request.