



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Certificate of Need Program
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Olympia, Washington 98504

September 11, 2019

Tung M. Ha, D.O., Medical Director
Fourth Corner Neurosurgical Associates d/b/a Cascade Outpatient Spine Center
710 Birchwood Avenue, Suite 103
Bellingham, WA 98225

RE: Determination of Reviewability #19-20 (*Sent by email*)

Dear Dr. Ha:

The Department of Health has completed its review of Fourth Corner Neurosurgical Associates, PS. Determination of Reviewability request. The application proposes an expansion of the ambulatory surgical facility (ASF) by one operating room. You represented in your determination of reviewability request that:

- Fourth Corner Neurosurgical Associates, PS is a professional service corporation.
- Fourth Corner Neurosurgical Associates, PS operates a licensed ASF under the dba known as Cascade Outpatient Spine Center.
- David Baker, MD; Tung Ha, MD; Barry Landau, MD; Carlton McQueen, MD; and Christopher Meredith all have a 20% ownership in Fourth Corner Neurosurgical Associates, PS.
- Fourth Corner Neurosurgical Associates, PS current clinical practice address is: 710 Birchwood Avenue, Suite 101, Bellingham, WA 98225.
- Fourth Corner Neurosurgical Associates, PS current surgical facility address is: 710 Birchwood Avenue, Suite 103, Bellingham, WA 98225.
- Cascade Outpatient Spine Center is currently licensed by the Department of Health under ASF.FS.60600948.
- Fourth Corner Neurosurgical Associates, PS clinical practice and surgical facility are under single ownership and operate under the corporation and United Business Identifier [UBI] #601 098 281; and FEIN #91-1416044.
- Income derived from surgical services provided at Fourth Corner Neurosurgical Associates, PS is approximately 38% of the total revenue generated by the ASF.
- Patient visits income that is for clinical services provided by the ASF is approximately 62% of the total income generated at the ASF.
- Fourth Corner Surgical Associates, PS will not be operated as a separate legal entity from Fourth corner Surgical Associates, PS practice.
- Clinical and surgical services provided at Fourth Corner Surgical Associate, PS include those typically associated with spinal surgical services and pain management procedures.

- Fourth Corner Surgical Associates, PS currently has one operating room.
- Upon expansion, Fourth Corner Surgical Associates, PS will have two operating rooms.

CONCLUSION

Based on the totality of information presented in the application and resulting research, the department concludes Cascade Outpatient Spine Center does not require a Certificate of Need. Under this determination, Cascade Outpatient Spine Center is authorized to provide spinal surgical services and pain management procedures in two operating rooms.

CHANGES THAT MAY EFFECT THIS DECISION

If changes are made in the ownership, operation, services, or location, Cascade Outpatient Spine Center may no longer qualify for this determination. In that event, Certificate of Need review and approval or new determination of reviewability request may be required.

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 addresses listed on the following page.

Mailing Address:

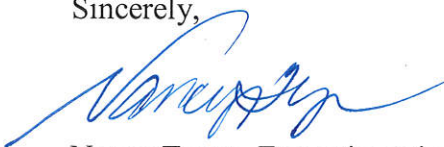
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If you have any questions or would like to arrange for a meeting to discuss this decision, please call me at (360) 236-2955.

Sincerely,



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