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CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM
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Ms. Janis Sigman, Manager
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Department of Health
P.O. Box 47852
Olympia, WA 98504-7852

Re: *Letter of Intent—Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington—HMO Ambulatory Surgical Facility—Bellevue Procedure Center (Endoscopy Unit)—Bellevue, Washington.*

Dear Ms. Sigman:

In accordance with RCW 70.38.115(3) and WAC 246-310-080, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington ("KFHPWA"), a federally tax-exempt, Washington nonprofit corporation, and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., a California nonprofit public benefit corporation, submits this letter of intent requesting certificate of need ("CN") approval to operate its existing Kaiser Permanente Bellevue Procedure Center ("Bellevue Procedure Center") as a CN-approved ambulatory surgical facility ("ASF").¹ The Bellevue Procedure Center is located at 11511 N.E. 10th Street, Bellevue, WA., 98004.

KFHP-WA currently owns and operates the Bellevue Procedure Center, operating under Office Based Surgery ("OBS") requirements, and accredited by the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC).

1. Description of proposed services:

Certificate of Need approval to operate the current three procedure rooms, and add a fourth, such that when approved, Bellevue Procedure Center will operate as a four procedure room, CN-approved ASF.

¹ Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington ("KFHPWA") is a federally tax-exempt, Washington nonprofit corporation, registered as a health maintenance organization ("HMO") under state law. KFHPWA offers comprehensive, coordinated health care to an enrolled membership for a fixed prepaid fee primarily through its owned and leased facilities, employed providers, and contracted providers. KFHPWA has a mutually exclusive relationship with its affiliated medical group -- Washington Permanente Medical Group -- which furnishes physician and related professional services to KFHPWA members within core areas of KFHPWA's delivery system.

2. Estimated cost of proposed project:

The estimated cost of the proposed project is \$826,000.

3. Identification of the service area:

For purposes of certificate of need review under the HMO criteria set forth in RCW 70.38.115, the service area is considered to be those portions of King and Snohomish counties from which the Bellevue Procedure Center currently draws the majority of its patients requiring endoscopic and related outpatient procedures. If the ASF were not owned and controlled by a health maintenance organization, the service area designated by WAC 246-310-270(2) and (3) would be the East King Secondary Health Service Planning Area.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me or Julia Yeager, Director, Delivery System Strategy & Planning, 206.630.2846, julia.a.yeager@kp.org.

Sincerely,



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