



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH SYSTEMS QUALITY ASSURANCE
PO Box 47850, Olympia, WA 98504-7850

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Dear Tribal Leader:

SUBJECT: Notice of Rulemaking – Certificate of Need program

In accordance with Chapter 43.376 RCW and the Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989, we invite collaboration with Indian tribes and tribal organizations in the development of policies, agreements, and program implementation that directly affects Indian tribes and tribal people. Therefore, please be advised we are beginning rulemaking on the Certificate of Need chapter.

Purpose

The Department of Health Certificate of Need program is considering amending, creating, or repealing rules in chapter 246-310 WAC to clarify, streamline, and modernize language. This review will include examining need methodologies to address industry changes to enhance patient quality of care. Evaluating the need for particular services or facilities, ensuring efficient use of resources, and determining if a project will provide high quality care that is geographically and financially feasible are key elements of the program. Updates to rules will take into account incorporating best practices, providing clear guidance, and enhancing the reliability of Certificate of Need decisions

Anticipated Impact on Indians/Indian Health Programs/Urban Indian Health Organizations

We invite you to consider whether this rulemaking has an impact specific to American Indian/Alaska Native people, Indian Health Program, or Urban Indian Health Organizations. We would appreciate any input or concerns that tribal representatives wish to share, including whether this rulemaking will have disproportionate impact on American Indian/Alaska Native people, Indian Health Program, or Urban Indian Health Organizations.

Copy Available on Request

Our division will make copies of materials related to certificate of need rulemaking upon your request as they become available.

Comments and Questions

To request a copy of the materials specific to the action, or to provide comments, please contact Nancy Tyson, Executive Director of Health Facilities and Certificate of Need, at Nancy.Tyson@doh.wa.gov, or Eric Hernandez, Program Manager Certificate of need Eric.Hernandez@doh.wa.gov, or by phone at 360-236-2955.

Please contact Tamara Fife, our agency's Tribal Relations Director, by telephone at 360-870-8903 if you would like to request a formal consultation with the agency or if you have tribal-affairs related questions.

Please forward this information to any interested party.

Sincerely,



Nancy Tyson, Executive Director
Health Facilities and Certificate of Need

cc: John Wiesman, DrPH, MPH, Secretary, Department of Health,
Kristin Peterson, Assistant Secretary, Health Systems Quality Assurance
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