



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

March 29, 2011

Mark Gary, Assistant General Counsel
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Dear Mr. Gary:

The department has completed the review of the materials submitted on February 17, 2011, regarding the internal corporate restructuring of MultiCare Health System and its corporate affiliate, Good Samaritan Hospital, located in Puyallup. Based on that review, the department has concluded the internal corporate restructuring as described is not subject to prior Certificate of Need review and approval.

This determination of non-reviewability does not constitute approval under any other local, federal, or state statute, or implementing rules and regulations. Examples where additional approval may be necessary include, but are not limited to, construction plan approval through the Construction Review Section 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.

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

Appeal Option 1:

You or any interested or affected person 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

Other Than By Mail
Department of Health
Certificate of Need Program
310 Israel Road SE
Tumwater, WA 98501



Appeal Option 2:

You or any affected 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:

Adjudicative Service Unit
Mail Stop 47879
Olympia, WA 98504-7879

Other Than By Mail

Adjudicative Clerk Office
310 Israel Road SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

Please call me at (360) 236-2957 if you have any further questions as you proceed with the restructure.

Sincerely,



Karen Nidermayer, Analyst
Certificate of Need Program
Office of Certification and Technical Support

cc: Richard McCartan, AAG
Department of Health, Investigations and Inspections Office
Department of Health, Office of Customer Service