



September 5, 2013

Ms. Janis R. Sigman, Manager
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CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Dear Ms. Sigman:

Re: Letter of Intent for Acquisition of Toppenish Community Hospital

Pursuant to WAC 246-310-080, CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc. ("Applicant"), hereby submits a letter of intent for a proposed transaction involving Toppenish Community Hospital in Toppenish, Washington ("Toppenish Community") in connection with the proposed merger transaction described below.

Toppenish Community is owned and operated by Toppenish HMA, LLC, a Washington limited liability company ("Toppenish HMA"). Toppenish HMA is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Health Management Associates, Inc., a publicly-held Delaware corporation ("HMA"). HMA and Community Health Systems, Inc., a publicly-held Delaware corporation ("CHSI"), have entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger, which, subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions, will result in the merger of HMA and a wholly-owned subsidiary of CHSI (the "Proposed Transaction"). Following the closing of the Proposed Transaction, HMA will cease to be a publicly-held corporation and will become an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of CHSI (and a direct subsidiary of the Applicant). Toppenish HMA will continue to own Toppenish Community following the Proposed Transaction.

The following information is to comply with the requirements of WAC 246-310-080(1):

A. Description of the Services Proposed.

Applicant proposes that Toppenish Community will continue to provide the services currently being provided by Toppenish Community, including but not limited to the provision of a wide range of inpatient and outpatient services.

B. Estimated Cost of the Proposed Acquisition.

Applicant estimates that the portion of the total purchase price under the Proposed Transaction allocable to Toppenish Community will be \$29,000,000.00.

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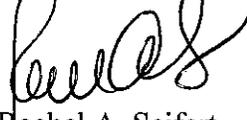
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C. Description of Service Area.

Toppenish Community serves portions of Yakima County.

Please contact me if you have any questions relating to this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel A. Seifert', written in a cursive style.

Rachel A. Seifert
Executive Vice President, Secretary and General
Counsel
CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc.