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CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Ms. Janis R. Sigman, Manager  
Certificate of Need Program  
Department of Health  
P.O. Box 47852  
Olympia, WA 98504-7852

Dear Ms. Sigman:

Re: Letter of Intent for Acquisition of Yakima Regional Medical and Cardiac Center

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

Yakima Regional is owned and operated by Yakima HMA, LLC, a Washington limited liability company ("Yakima HMA"). Yakima 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). Yakima HMA will continue to own Yakima Regional and be the licensee 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 Yakima Regional will continue to provide the services currently being provided by Yakima Regional, including but not limited to the provision of a wide range of inpatient and outpatient services.

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**B. Estimated Cost of the Proposed Acquisition.**

Applicant estimates that the portion of the total purchase price under the Proposed Transaction allocable to Yakima Regional will be \$177,000,000.00.

**C. Description of Service Area.**

Yakima Regional serves Yakima, Kittitas and Klickitat Counties.

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

Very truly yours,



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