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March 24, 2014

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

Dear Ms. Sigman:

Northwest Orthopaedic Specialists, d.b.a. The Orthopaedic Surgery Center (TOSC), intends to convert the existing free standing 100% physician owned Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) status from exempt to CON approved. We understand that in accordance with WAC 246-310-080 this is subject to prior review and approval. Please consider this our Letter of Intent.

As required by WAC 246-310-080, the following information is provided:

1. A description of the Extent of Services Proposed:

Northwest Orthopaedic Specialists d.b.a. The Orthopaedic Surgery Center, proposed to convert our existing CON exempt ASC to a CON approved ASC. The ASC had been in existence since 2004. We have operated continually since that time and now seek a certificate of need so that the ASC can be opened to other providers.

2. Estimated Cost of the Proposed Project:

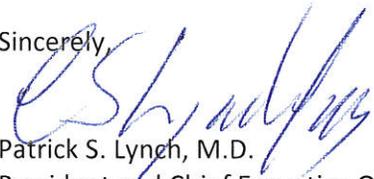
There is no capital expenditure associated with this project.

3. Description of the Service Area:

This facility is within the Spokane County secondary health services planning area, as identified in WAC 246-310-270(3).

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact me at (509) 343-2663.

Sincerely,


Patrick S. Lynch, M.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer