



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

June 29, 2015

CERTIFIED MAIL # 7009 0080 0000 5404 2229

Katerie Chapman, Administrator and SVP
Virginia Mason Medical Center
1100 – 9th Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98101

RE: DOR #15-46

Dear Ms. Chapman:

Enclosed is Certificate of Need #1550 approving Virginia Mason Medical Center's exemption request to convert 20 licensed beds to psychiatric beds at the hospital located in King County. The psychiatric beds will be used for the development and operation of a mental health services program, including inpatient care.

The certificate is not approval for any other local, federal, or state statutes, rules, or regulations. Such a project may also need Department of Health approval for a construction plan and facility licensing or certification, as well as other federal or local jurisdiction permits.

The Certificate of Need is valid for two years. The project must begin during this time. If there is substantial and continuing progress, we may extend the certificate for one six month period. For an extension, you must submit an extension request at least 120 days before the expiration. You cannot begin a project after the expiration date.

This decision may be appealed. Any 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:
Department of Health
Adjudicative Service Unit
Mail Stop 47879
Olympia, WA 98504-7879

Physical Address:
Department of Health
Adjudicative Service Unit
111 Israel Road SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

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We monitor projects until completed or the expiration date, whichever occurs last. We do this with quarterly progress reports. At least 30 days before the report's due date, you will receive a form to complete and return.

If you have any questions or would like to arrange for a meeting to discuss this decision, please call me at (360) 236-2955.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janis R. Sigman".

Janis Sigman, Manager
Certificate of Need Program
Community Health Systems

Enclosure

cc: Department of Health, Office of Investigations and Inspections
Department of Health, Office of Customer Service
Department of Health, Construction Review Services
Department of Social and Health Services, Behavioral Health and Recovery



This Certificate is granted under the authority of RCW 70.38. Issuance of this Certificate does not constitute approval under any other local, federal or state statute, implementing rules and regulations. Examples where additional approval may be necessary include, but are not limited to, construction plan approval through the Construction Review Unit 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.

Certificate of Need #1550 is issued to:

Legal Name of Applicant: Virginia Mason Medical Center
Address of Applicant: 1100 – 9th Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101
Type of Service: Acute Care Hospital
Facility Name: Virginia Mason Medical Center
Facility Address: 1100 – 9th Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101

ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE OF NEED IS BASED ON THE EXEMPTION APPLICATION RECEIVED AT THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM ON JUNE 26, 2015 (DOR #15-46)

Project Description:

This certificate approves converting 20 licensed beds to psychiatric beds at Virginia Mason Medical Center as allowed by RCW 70.38.111(10). The psychiatric beds will be used for the development and operation of a mental health services program, including inpatient care.

Virginia Mason Medical Center is licensed for a total of 336 acute care beds. The Certificate of Need beds authorized before and after the conversion are below.

Virginia Mason Medical Center		
Bed Type	Beds Before Conversion	Beds After Conversion
General Medical Surgical	318	316
PPS Exempt Rehabilitation	18	0
PPS Exempt Psychiatric	0	20
Total Licensed Beds	336	336

These 20 psychiatric beds may be converted back to previous use only after approval by the Certificate of Need program of Virginia Mason Medical Center’s exemption request to return the exempt psychiatric beds back to their previous licensed status at the hospital.

Service Area

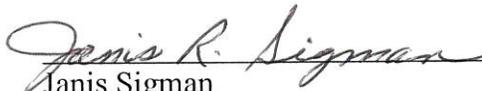
King County and surrounding areas

Conditions

Virginia Mason Medical Center will seek certification from Department of Social and Health Services to become a provider of Involuntary Treatment Act services at the hospital.

This Certificate authorizes commencement of the project from June 29, 2015 to June 29, 2017, unless extended, withdrawn, suspended, or revoked in accordance with applicable sections of the Certificate of Need law and regulations.

Date Certificate Issued: June 29, 2015


 Janis Sigman
 Manager, Certificate of Need Program
 Community Health Systems

This Certificate of Need is not transferable.