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CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

By Certified Mail; Courtesy Copy by Fax (360-236-2321)

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

Re: *Letter of Intent—Group Health Cooperative HMO Ambulatory Surgical Facility—Seattle, Washington.*

Dear Ms. Sigman:

In accordance with WAC 246-310-080, Group Health Cooperative (“GHC”) submits this letter of intent to apply for a certificate of need to operate an ambulatory surgical facility (ASF) with eleven operating rooms in Seattle, Washington.

1. Description of proposed services:

GHC proposes to continue operating its current Outpatient Surgery Center at Central Hospital, with eleven operating rooms located at its Capitol Hill Campus in Seattle, Washington. GHC will convert the unit’s current hospital licensure to that of an ASF under state law, and will seek accreditation and Medicare Certification as an ambulatory surgery center (ASC) under federal law.

2. Estimated cost of proposed project:

The estimated cost of the proposed project is \$920,000.

3. Identification of the service area:

For purposes of certificate of need review, the service area is considered to be the King County area from which GHC draws the majority of its outpatient surgery patients. If the ASF/ASC was not owned and controlled by a health maintenance organization, the service area designated by WAC 246-310-270(2) and (3) would be Central King.

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Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions please contact either me directly at (206) 448-6154 or else Jim Beaulaurier at (206) 340-1010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David L. Glazer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David L. Glazer

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cc: James Beaulaurier, Esq.