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Janis Sigman, Program Manager  
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Dear Ms. Sigman:

In accordance with WAC 246-310-080 and in follow-up to our recent conversation, Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital Association, dba Memorial Home Care Services, hereby submits a letter of intent to amend Certificate of Need (CN)#1350E. This CN approved the establishment of a 20 bed hospice care center in two phases. Phase 1 of the Center, now known as Cottage in the Meadow, opened in 2012 with 12 beds. The Phase 1 opening date was about 30 months later than originally anticipated. The CN amendment requests: 1) an extension to the completion of the 8 beds authorized in Phase 2 and 2) an increase in the CN approved capital costs.

In conformance with WAC, the following information is provided:

1. A Description of the Extent of Services Proposed:

Memorial Home Care Services (Memorial) opened the 12 bed Phase 1 hospice care center in September 2012. This date was approximately 30 months later than outlined in the original CN. The delay was largely due to the recession and the impact of the State's 2009-2011 budget cuts on Memorial. The original scheduled opening of Phase 2 was April 2014, and the CN was issued with a condition that required the Phase 2 beds to be licensed by December 2015 or be relinquished. With this amendment, we seek the removal of the condition for Phase 2 and an extension to the date by which the beds must be licensed.

2. Estimated Cost of the Proposed Project:

The original CN approved capital expenditure was \$6,883,353. We estimate our final costs to be \$8,613,579. Because this amount is more than 12% over the approved amount, we are also amending for a cost overrun.

3. Description of the Service Area:

The primary service area is Yakima County.

Thank you for your interest in this matter. Please contact me directly with any questions.

Sincerely,



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