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*Sent via email and regular U.S. Mail*

RE: Certificate of Need Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI) Rules Petition

Dear Mr. Petrich,

On June 1, 2016, the Department of Health (department) received your rules petition requesting the Certificate of Need elective percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) rules be amended. The department is responding to your petition as required by Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 34.05.330.

Your petition proposed the following specific rule revisions:

- WAC 246-310-715(1): add introductory language as follows: “Except for hospitals granted a certificate of need under (2)(b) of this section.”
- WAC 246-310-720(2): renumber subsections (a) and (b) to (i) and (ii);
- WAC 246-310-720(2): add a new subsection (b) containing the following language: “The applicant hospital demonstrates: (i) people living in its catchment area because of socioeconomic, geographic isolation, or other factors not considered in the state need forecasting methodology, do not have adequate access to existing elective PCI programs and that this lack of access is causing health disparities; and (ii) granting it a certificate of need will provide people living in its catchment area with such access. Catchment area must be identified by verifiable patient origin data.”
- WAC 246-310-745(10)(d): add the following language to the end of the subsection: “except for programs which may be approved under WAC 246-310-720(2)(b).”

Included with the petition was the following document:

- State of Washington Variations in Life Expectancy and Mortality Rates by State Legislative Districts, 2012-14, published by the Office of Financial Management, February 2016.

The main reason cited in your request to change the PCI rules is:

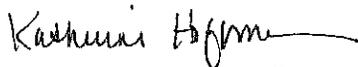
- The current rules do not contain language addressing the evaluation of elective PCI CoN applications absent numeric need.

The department recently opened the PCI rules to consider amendments to specific sections of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-310-715 – General Requirements, WAC 246-310-720 – Hospital Volume Standards, and WAC 246-310-745 – Need forecasting methodology.

In response to your request, the department agrees to include discussion regarding the evaluation of elective PCI applications absent numeric need as part of the current rulemaking process.

If you have any questions about the rulemaking process, please contact me by telephone at (360) 236-2979 or by email at [katherine.hoffman@doh.wa.gov](mailto:katherine.hoffman@doh.wa.gov).

Sincerely,



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