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**Janis R. Sigman, Program Manager  
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111 Israel Road SE  
Tumwater, WA 98501

**Re: Letter of Intent – Ambulatory Surgery Center – Olympia, WA**

Dear Ms. Sigman:

In accordance with WAC 246-310-080, Gastroenterology Associates, PLLC (“GA”) respectfully submits this Letter of Intent (“LOI”) to convert our existing Certificate of Need (“CN”)-exempt ambulatory surgery/endoscopy center (“ASC”), located at 500 Lilly Road NE, Suite 150, Olympia, Washington 98501, to a CN-approved facility.

1. Description of proposed services: Convert the existing CN-exempt ASC to a CN-approved ASC. GA is not proposing any change to the services offered, operation, ownership makeup or staffing of the ASC. There is currently three (3) operating rooms in the ASC.
2. Estimated cost of proposed project: There are no capital expenditures associated with this project. The ASC is fully built-out and currently in operation.
3. Service Area: The primary service or planning area for the purposes of the CN are Thurston and Mason counties. GA also currently serves existing patients from Grays Harbor, North Pacific and Lewis counties.

GA is currently planning a merger with other providers of gastroenterology services. However, the merger would not affect any of the items listed above. There would be no new staff or doctors, nor any expansion of the services offered at the ASC as a result of the contemplated merger.

Please let me know if there are any questions regarding this LOI. I can be reached by telephone at (360) 413-8250 or by email to [rjoe@gastroassociates.org](mailto:rjoe@gastroassociates.org). You may also contact our Practice Administrator, Kelly Auvinen, by telephone at (360) 413-8250 or by email at [kauvinen@gastroassociates.org](mailto:kauvinen@gastroassociates.org). Please copy our practice attorney, Mark

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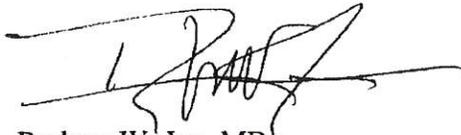
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A. Peternell of Bean, Gentry, Wheeler & Peternell, PLLC, on all correspondence or questions at [mpeternell@bgwp.net](mailto:mpeternell@bgwp.net).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

**GASTROENTEROLOGY ASSOCIATES, PLLC**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rodney W. Joe', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rodney W. Joe, MD  
Managing Partner

cc: Karen Nidermayer, Department of Health Certificate of Need Program