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

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

Dear Mr. Myers,

On March 16, 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(2): adjust the minimum annual adult PCI volume standards from three hundred to two hundred; adjust the minimum volume standard for physicians performing adult elective PCI procedures at applying hospitals from seventy-five PCI per year to fifty PCI per year.
- WAC 246-310-720(1): adjust the minimum annual adult PCI performed in hospitals with elective PCI programs from three hundred PCI per year to two hundred PCI per year by the end of the third year of operation.
- WAC 246-310-725: adjust the minimum volume standards for physicians performing adult elective PCI procedures at applying hospitals from seventy five PCI per year to fifty PCI per year.
- WAC 246-310-745((10))((d), Step 4: adjust the volume standard for purposes of calculating net need for additional adult elective PCI procedures from three hundred to two hundred;
- WAC 246-310-745(10)(d), Step 5(a): adjust the volume standard for purposes of calculating net need for additional adult elective PCI procedures from three hundred to two hundred.
- WAC 246-310-745(10)(d), Step 5(a): adjust the rounded results example to identify the number of needed programs from  $575/300 = 1.916$  or 1 program to  $375/200 = 1.875$  or 1 program, consistent with the proposed volume standard of two hundred.

Included with the petition were the following documents:

- Memorandum dated August 18, 2015, from the Certificate of Need Tertiary Services Review Team to Martin Mueller, Assistant Secretary, Health Services Quality Assurance regarding 2015 tertiary services review.
- SCAI/ACC/AHA Expert Consensus Document: 2014 Update on Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Without On-Site Surgical Backup.”
- 2013 Performance Measures for Adults Undergoing Percutaneous Coronary Intervention: A Report of the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Task Force on Performance Measures, the Society for Cardiovascular Angioplasty and Interventions, the American Medical Association- Convened Physician Consortium and Performance Improvement, and the National Committee for Quality Insurance.

The main reasons cited in your request to change the PCI rules were:

- The current rules’ volume standards no longer reflect published research; and
- The current volume standards are not being met by most hospitals in Washington state performing elective PCI.

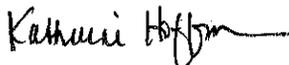
The department agrees that updating the PCI rules limited to the specific amendments noted above is important to ensuring access to services for Washington residents and is consistent with current published research. Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-310-715—General requirements, WAC 246-310-720—Hospital Volume Standards, WAC 246-310-725—Physician volume standards, and WAC 246-310-745—Need forecasting methodology were adopted in 2008 and have not been amended since that time.

In response to your request, the department is willing to open the PCI rules to consider the specific amendments requested in your petition and listed above.

Please note that your proposed rule revisions identify WAC 246-310-745(10)(d), Step 5 and Step 5(a). The current rule identifies the result of need calculation in WAC 246-310-745(10)(d), Step 5(b). If it is your intention to combine subparts (a) and (b) as proposed Step 5(a), please advise.

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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