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CERTIFICATE OF NEED PROGRAM
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

August 22, 2012

Ms Janis Sigman
Certificate of Need Program
Office of Health Services Development
310 Israel Road SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

Dear Ms Sigman,

Providence Health and Services – Eastern Washington Region would like to submit this letter of intent to seek a certificate of need to change the legal structure of Providence St Joseph's Hospital and Long-Term Care in Chewelah.

Description of Services

Currently, Providence St Joseph's Hospital and Long-Term Care is a 25-bed critical access hospital with an attached 40-bed skilled nursing home. The facilities currently operate under a single 65-bed license. Management would like to reduce the current license to 25 acute/swing beds and re-open the remaining 40 skilled nursing beds under a new, separate nursing home license. The services provided under these licenses will not change from those provided under the current license.

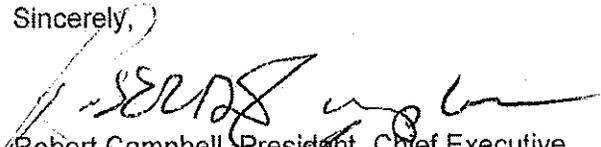
Estimated Cost of Project

The costs associated with this project are expected to be \$50,000. There are no plans for changes in services or facility footprint.

Service Area

Providence St Joseph's in Chewelah currently serves the communities in central Stevens County. Its primary service area is the geographic area comprising Chewelah, Valley, Springdale, Addy, and Loon Lake. There will be no anticipated change in service area under this proposal.

Sincerely,



Robert Campbell, President, Chief Executive
Providence St. Joseph's Hospital
Providence Health Care Stevens County
Providence Health & Services