



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

December 23, 2015

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Carol Taylor, Regional Director
Group Health Cooperative
201 – 16th Avenue East, #D640
Seattle, Washington 98112

RE: CN15-33

Dear Ms. Taylor:

Enclosed is Certificate of Need #1561 issued to Group Health Cooperative to establish a five operating room ambulatory surgery center in Seattle within King County. The certificate is not approval for any other local, federal, or state statutes, rules, or regulations. Such a project may also need Department of Health approval for a construction plan and facility licensing or certification, as well as other federal or local jurisdiction permits.

The Certificate of Need is valid for two years. The project must begin during this time. If there is substantial and continuing progress, we may extend the certificate for one six month period. For an extension, you must submit an extension request at least 120 days before the expiration. You cannot begin a project after the expiration date.

This decision may be appealed. The appeal options are listed below.

Appeal Option 1:

Any person with standing may request a public hearing to reconsider this decision. The request must state the specific reasons for reconsideration in accordance with Washington Administrative Code 246-310-560. A reconsideration request must be received within 28 calendar days from the date of the decision at one of the following addresses:

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Mailing Address:
Department of Health
Certificate of Need Program
Mail Stop 47852
Olympia, WA 98504-7852

Physical Address:
Department of Health
Certificate of Need Program
111 Israel Road SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

Appeal Option 2:

Any person with standing may request an adjudicative proceeding to contest this decision within 28 calendar days from the date of this letter. The notice of appeal must be filed according to the provisions of Revised Code of Washington 34.05 and Washington Administrative Code 246-310-610. A request for an adjudicative proceeding must be received within the 28 days at one of the following addresses:

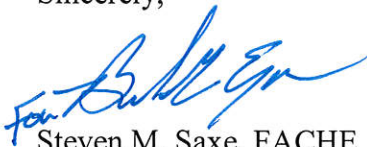
Mailing Address:
Department of Health
Adjudicative Service Unit
Mail Stop 47879
Olympia, WA 98504-7879

Physical Address
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111 Israel Road SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

We monitor projects until completed or the expiration date, whichever occurs last. We do this with quarterly progress reports. At least 30 days before the report's due date, you will receive a form to complete and return.

If you have any questions, please contact Janis Sigman, Manager of the Certificate of Need Program at (360) 236-2955.

Sincerely,



Steven M. Saxe, FACHE
Director, Office of Community Health Systems

Enclosure



This Certificate is granted under the authority of RCW 70.38. Issuance of this Certificate does not constitute approval under any other local, federal or state statute, implementing rules and regulations. Examples where additional approval may be necessary include, but are not limited to, construction plan approval through the Construction Review Unit of the Department of Health, facility licensing/certification through the Department of Social and Health Services or Department of Health, and other federal or local jurisdiction permits.

Certificate of Need #1561 is issued to:

Legal Name of Applicant: Group Health Cooperative
Address of Applicant: 201 16th Avenue East, D640 Seattle Washington, 98112
Type of Service: Ambulatory Surgery Center
Facility Name: Group Health Capitol Hill Procedure Center
Facility Address: 201 16th Avenue East, Suite CSB-2 Seattle, Washington 98112

ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE OF NEED IS BASED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S RECORD AND EVALUATION DATED DECEMBER 14, 2015 (CN App #15-33)

Project Description:

This project approves the other establishment of a five operating room ambulatory surgery center in Seattle within King County. The surgery center will be known as the Group Health Capitol Hill Procedure Center. The types of procedures to be performed at the ambulatory surgery center include gastroenterology procedures, manometry, EBUS, and TEE.

Service Area:

King and Snohomish Counties as described in the application

Conditions:

1. Group Health Cooperative agrees with the project description as stated above. Group Health Cooperative further agrees that any change to the project as described in the project description is a new project and requires a new Certificate of Need.
2. Consistent with Revised Code of Washington 70.38.115(3), the Group Health Capitol Hill Procedure Center may not be sold, leased, or have a change in control without first obtaining a Certificate of Need.

Approved Capital Expenditure:

The approved capital expenditure for this project is \$84,750 and is solely related to capital improvements and fees.

This Certificate authorizes commencement of the project from December 23, 2015 to December 23, 2017, unless extended, withdrawn, suspended, or revoked in accordance with applicable sections of the Certificate of Need law and regulations.

Date Certificate Issued: December 23, 2015


Steven Saxe, Director
Community Health Systems

This Certificate is not transferable.