



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

July 12 2018

Justin Settlemier
Woodland Convalescent Center
310 4th Street
Woodland, WA 98674

RE: Bed Banking-Alternate Use Application #18-03

Dear Mr. Settlemier:

Thank you for your Tuesday, June 12 email and response to the department's screening questions.

WAC 246-310-395 describes the requirements surrounding bed banking for alternative use. It states: *"In the case of a nursing home licensee, requesting to convert some of the nursing home beds to an alternative use, as defined in RCW 70.38.111(8), or reduce the number of beds per room to two or one, or otherwise **enhance the quality of life for residents** and preserve the right to later convert the original portion of the facility back to skilled nursing care, the nursing home shall give notice of intent to preserve its conversion options to the department of health."* [emphasis added]

Under WAC 246-310-010(20), "Enhance the quality of life for residents" is defined: *"for the purposes of voluntary bed banking, those services or facility modifications which have a direct and immediate benefit to the residents. These include, but are not limited to: Resident activity and therapy facilities; family visiting rooms; spiritual rooms and dining areas. These services or facility modifications shall **not** include those that do not have direct and immediate benefit to the residents, such as: Modifications to staff offices; **meeting rooms; and other staff facilities.**"* [emphasis added]

Your response stated the following:

"This area is often used for our SDC to work with our Medical Director. It also doubles as a space for our staffing coordinator/hr director to help interview the staff that are needed for direct care as well as to organize schedules. The spaces these workers had shared before did not meet the space requirements in our building to accommodate these functions.

This change has also improved the moral for both our SDC and staffing coordinator because they are no longer confined to a space lacking any natural light, this office now has a view of our very spacious beautiful courtyard."

This function does not meet the definition of "enhance the quality of life of residents." Therefore, this request to bank two beds under alternate use is denied.

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APPEAL OPTION

This decision may be appealed. You or 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 addresses listed on the following page.

Mailing Address:

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

Physical Address

Department of Health
Adjudicative Service Unit
111 Israel Road SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

If you have any questions or would like to arrange for a meeting to discuss this decision, please call our office at (360) 236-2955.

Sincerely,



Janis Sigman, Manager
Certificate of Need Program
Community Health Systems