October 10, 2011

Cindy Mayo Providence Centralia Hospital 914 South Scheuber Road Centralia, WA 98531

Re:

12-02 Bed Banking under Full Facility Closure

Providence Centralia Hospital LTC Unit

Dear Ms. Mayo:

This is in response to Providence Centralia Hospital's request to bank it's 63 licensed nursing home beds under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.38.115(13)(b) and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-310-396 (full facility closure). We received your request September 26, 2011.

According to WAC 246-310-010, the "effective date of facility closure" is defined as (a) the date on which the facility's license was relinquished, revoked or expired; or (b) the date the last resident leaves the facility, whichever comes first. According to information provided by the Department of Social and Health Services, Providence Centralia Hospital's effective date of closure of the nursing home beds was September 19, 2011.

The department has confirmed that Providence Centralia Hospital was the licensee and building owner at the time of closure.

Your request to bank Providence Centralia Hospital's 63 nursing home beds pursuant to RCW 70.38.115(13)(b) and WAC 246-310-396 has been granted. As stated in RCW 70.38.115(13)(b), the licensee or any other party who has secured an interest in the beds, may reserve their interest in the beds for eight years from the date of the original bed banking.

At no time can these nursing home beds be used to expand the hospitals acute care beds capacity and require removal from the hospital's licensed capacity recorded with the Department. The hospital's current licensed capacity is 191 beds. By banking the 63 beds the maximum number of beds the hospital may be licensed for is 128 beds. The eight-year bed banking of the 63 beds will expire on September 19, 2019 or until a Certificate of Need is issued to un-bank the beds, whichever occurs first.

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If you have any questions, please call me at (360) 236-2955.

Sincerely,

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