

January 29, 2024

Eric Hernandez, Program Manager
Certificate of Need Program
Department of Health
Via email: FSLCON@DOH.WA.GOV; eric.hernandez@doh.wa.gov

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

In accordance with WAC 246-310-080, Virginia Mason Franciscan Health here within submits a letter of intent for an elective PCI program at St. Francis Hospital. In conformance with WAC, the following information is provided:

1. A Description of the Extent of Services Proposed:

In 2009, St. Francis Hospital (SFH), along with Auburn Regional Medical Center, now MultiCare Auburn (Auburn) received a joint certificate of need (CN#1407) to operate an elective PCI Program. The SFH Program has consistently operated above the required 200 volume threshold and in compliance with all CN requirements. In 2023, the Department of Health (DOH) sent a notice to both parties indicating its intent to revoke the joint CN. Our understanding is that notice was issued because DOH believed Auburn was not meeting the required volume threshold. This decision is currently being appealed, and Auburn is in the process of verifying with DOH that its 2023 volumes were above the required threshold. Given the ongoing nature of Auburn's verifications with DOH, SFH submits this letter of intent to secure a new non-joint program to ensure community access. SFH's program is a safety net for South King County. Its loss would have a significant impact on the community. Accordingly, SFH submits this letter of intent to seek CN review for a non-joint program.

2. Estimated Cost of the Proposed Project:

The estimated capital expenditure for the project is \$0.

3. Description of the Service Area:

St. Francis is located in the King East PCI Planning Area.

Please contact me directly with any questions.

Sincerely,



Thomas A. Kruse,
Senior Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer