



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

November 28, 2018

Josh Wester
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Sent via email: joshw@noble-hc.com

Re: 19-02 - Full Facility Closure Bed Banking - Licensee

Dear Mr. Wester:

Thank you for your Nursing Home Full Facility Closure Bed Banking application received on October 30, 2018. The application requests full facility closure bed banking for Tekoa Care Center located in Whitman County. The Department has decided to grant your request to bank 32 beds and relinquish the remaining 33 beds. The bed banking will expire on October 18, 2026, or until a Certificate of Need is issued, whichever comes first.

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-310-010(19) defines the “*effective date of facility closure*” 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, Tekoa Care Center converted to an Assisted Living Facility, and thus relinquished its nursing home license #1525 on October 17, 2018. Therefore, the effective date of Tekoa Care Center’s closure was October 17, 2018.

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.38.115(13)(b) requires bed banking requests to be received in the Certificate of Need Program office no later than 30 days following a facility’s closure. For Tekoa Care Center, that date would be November 16, 2018¹. Your request was received on October 30, 2018.

¹ Washington Administrative Code 246-310-010(17).

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RCW 70.38.115(1)(b) allows the licensee or any other party who has secured an interest in the beds to bank the beds under full facility closure for eight years from the date of the original bed banking. The Department has confirmed that Tekoa Care Center was the licensee at the time of the facility's closure. The eight-year bed banking of the 32 beds at Tekoa Care Center will expire on October 18, 2026, or until a Certificate of Need is issued.

Please call me at (360) 236-2955 if you have any questions regarding the bed banking at Tekoa Care Center.

Sincerely,



Janis Sigman, Manager
Certificate of Need Program
Community Health Systems

cc: Department of Social and Health Services