



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

January 24, 2012

Andrew Craigie, CEO  
Garfield County Hospital District  
66 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Pomeroy, WA 99347-0880

Re: 12-03 Bed Banking under Full Facility Closure  
Garfield County Hospital LTC

Dear Mr. Craigie:

This is in response to your request to bank Garfield County Hospital District's 20 Long Term Care beds under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.38.115(13)(b) and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-310-396 (full facility closure).

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, the date the Garfield County Hospital District's LTC had vacated all of its beds was January 18, 2012. Therefore, the effective date of LTC's closure will be January 18, 2012.

The department has confirmed that Garfield County Hospital District was the licensee and the building owner at the time of the facility's closure.

Therefore, Garfield County Hospital District's request to bank 20 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, or until a Certificate of Need to replace them has been issued. The eight-year bed banking of the 20 beds will expire on January 18, 2020 or until a Certificate of Need is issued for their replacement.

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

Sincerely,

JANIS R. SIGMAN  
Manager, Certificate of Need Program  
Office of Certification and Technical Support

cc: Department of Social and Health Services

