



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

December 19, 2011

Brian Grimm, Attorney
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Dear Mr. Grimm:

We have completed our review of the materials submitted on November 29, 2011, about the affiliation of Providence Health and Services and Swedish Health Services. Based on that review and consistent with past practices for this type of affiliation, the department concludes the affiliation as described is not subject to prior Certificate of Need review and approval.

This determination is not transferable and is based on the facts submitted. Prior Certificate of Need review and approval may be required if changes occur in the facts we relied on to make this determination.

This determination of non-reviewability does not constitute approval under any other local, federal, or state statute, or implementing rules and regulations. Examples where additional approval may be necessary include, but are not limited to, construction plan approval through the Construction Review Section of the Department of Health, facility licensing/certification through the Department of Social and Health Services or Department of Health, and other federal or local jurisdiction permits.

APPEAL OPTION

You or any interested or affected person may appeal this determination by requesting an adjudicative proceeding within 28 calendar days from the date of this letter. The notice of appeal must be filed according to the provisions of RCW 34.05 and WAC 246-310-610. A request for an adjudicative proceeding must be received within the 28 days at one of the following addresses:

Mailing Address:
Adjudicative Service Unit
Mail Stop 47879
Olympia, WA 98504-7879

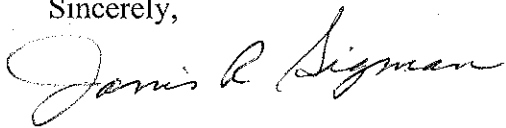
Other Than By Mail
Adjudicative Clerk Office
310 Israel Road SE, Building 6
Tumwater, WA 98501



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Please call me at (360) 236-2955 if you have any further questions as you proceed with the proposed affiliation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janis R. Sigman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Janis R. Sigman, Manager
Certificate of Need Program
Office of Certification & Enforcement

cc: Richard McCartan, AAG
Department of Health, Investigations and Inspections Office