



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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To: Certificate of Need Stakeholders

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Certificate of Need Program

Re: Multiple projects included in a single application

The Certificate of Need program will no longer accept single applications containing two or more reviewable projects. In the past, as a courtesy to the applicant, the program continued the review of these applications¹ when they were submitted. Allowing the review to continue has added confusion for the public about what project or projects affect them; increased the complexity of the reviews for staff; increased the risk that a decision will be delayed; and increased the risk to all projects contained within the application if program's decision is appealed.

By making this change we hope to reduce or eliminate the issues stated above. The list below is not intended to be an exhaustive list. It is to give you some examples of projects that require separate applications.

Intermediate Care Nursery Level II-new or bed expansions
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Level III- new or bed expansions
Home Health Care-county specific
Hospice Agency-county specific
Organ Transplant-Organ specific

Please contact me at (360) 236-2956 if you have any questions.

¹ Review fees for each reviewable project were included with the single submission.

