



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
*Olympia, Washington 98504*

September 25, 2019

Ronald G Rehn, Chief Administrative Officer  
Providence St. Joseph's Hospital  
500 East Webster Avenue  
Chewelah, Washington 99109

Re: Bed Banking #20-03 Full Facility Closure

Dear Mr. Rehn:

Thank you for the Nursing Home Full Facility Closure Bed Banking Notice submitted by Providence St. Joseph's Hospital requesting full facility closure bed banking for the 40 skilled nursing beds at Providence St. Joseph's Hospital Long Term Care Unit. Below is the facts considered when reviewing your bed banking request.

**FACTS CONSIDERED**

- Providence St. Joseph Hospital is a licensed critical access hospital with 65 licensed acute care beds, and 40 of the 65 beds are dedicated to long term care.
- The last resident was transferred out of the nursing home on August 13, 2019.
- The effective date of the nursing home's closure is August 13, 2019.<sup>1</sup>
- 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. Given that the facility closed on August 13, that date is September 12, 2019<sup>2</sup>. Your request was received on September 4, 2019.
- RCW 70.38.115(13)(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 Providence St. Joseph's Hospital was the licensee at the time of the facility's closure.

**DEPARTMENT'S CONCLUSION**

The department has granted your request to bank the 40 nursing home beds under full facility closure. The bed banking will expire on August 13, 2027, or until Certificate of Need is issued, whichever is first.

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<sup>1</sup> Washington Administrative Code 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.*

<sup>2</sup> Washington Administrative Code 246-310-010(17).

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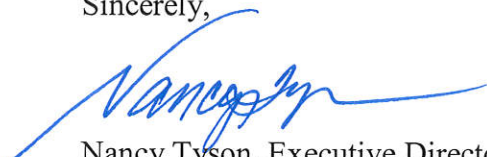
Because the 40 long term care beds have been licensed under the Providence St. Joseph Hospital's acute care license, the licensed number of beds for the hospital must be reduced by 40 in the upcoming hospital license renewal cycle. The license reduction would result in a total of 25 licensed acute care beds at the critical access hospital.

This decision may be appealed. Any person with standing may request an adjudicative proceeding to contest this decision within 28 calendar days from the date of this letter. The notice of appeal must be filed according to the provisions of Revised Code of Washington 34.05 and Washington Administrative Code 246-310-610. A request for an adjudicative proceeding must be received within the 28 days at one of the following addresses:

<u>Mailing Address:</u>	<u>Physical Address</u>
Department of Health	Department of Health
Adjudicative Service Unit	Adjudicative Service Unit
Mail Stop 47879	111 Israel Road SE
Olympia, WA 98504-7879	Tumwater, WA 98501

If you have any questions or you would like to arrange for a meeting or conference call to discuss this decision, please call me at (360) 236-2955.

Sincerely,



Nancy Tyson, Executive Director  
Certificate of Need Program  
Community Health Systems

cc: Department of Health, Office of Health System Oversight  
Department of Health, Office of Customer Service