



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

February 4, 2011

Renee Jensen, CEO
Grays Harbor County PHD #1
Mark Reed Hospital
322 South Birch Street
McCleary, Washington 98557

Dear Ms. Jensen:

Thank you for your December 15, 2010, request for a Determination of Non-Reviewability (DOR) related to Mark Reed Hospital. Your December 15 letter requests an increase in swing beds at Mark Reed Hospital and requests exemption from Certificate of Need review under Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 70.38.105(4)(e)(iii) for the swing bed increase. Additionally, you provided supplemental information on February 1, 2011. This letter reflects the DOR conclusions based on the December 15, 2010, request and the February 1, 2011, supplemental information.

Mark Reed Hospital is a 24-bed acute care hospital in McCleary, within Grays Harbor County. Of the 24 beds, 5 beds are currently operated as swing beds. On October 24, 2002, Mark Reed Hospital obtained an exemption from Certificate of Need review to relocate the acute care hospital in its entirety. The new site for the hospital is in Elma, within Grays Harbor County. Your December 15, 2010, and February 1, 2011, information states that Mark Reed Hospital intends to begin operating 10 swing beds at its current site in McCleary, and when the entire hospital relocates to Elma, only 10 beds would be operational and all 10 beds would be swing beds.

RCW 70.38.105(4)(e)(iii) allows up to 25 swing beds for critical access hospital provided that the hospital can demonstrate the following:

- 1) the hospital is a designated critical access hospital located in Washington State; and
- 2) there is no nursing home licensed under RCW 18.51 within the same city or town.

Based on the information provided by you and substantiated by Certificate of Need Program, your December 15 request for swing bed increase meets the exemption requirements under RCW 70.38.105(4)(e)(iii). As a result, Mark Reed Hospital may increase its swing beds from 5 to 10 at its existing site in McCleary with no further action from the Certificate of Need Program. Additionally, when Mark Reed Hospital relocates its acute care hospital to Elma, it may continue to operate 10 swing beds at that site.

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Please note that this determination of non-reviewability is not transferable and is based on the facts submitted in the exemption application. Prior Certificate of Need review and approval may be required if changes occur in the facts as presented in the exemption application.

Additionally, 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 Health, and other federal or local jurisdiction permits.

If you have any questions regarding this exemption, please call me at (360) 236-2957.

Sincerely,



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