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RE: CN Application 17-01

Enclosed is Certificate of Need #1591 issued to co-applicants Group Health Cooperative and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington to continue operation of the Group Health Capitol Hill Ambulatory Surgery Center. The certificate is not approval for any other local, federal, or state statutes, rules, or regulations. Such a project may also need Department of Health approval for a construction plan and facility licensing or certification, as well as other federal or local jurisdiction permits.

The Certificate of Need is valid for two years. The project must begin during this time. If there is substantial and continuing progress, we may extend the certificate for one six month period. For an extension, you must submit an extension request at least 120 days before the expiration. You cannot begin a project after the expiration date.

This decision may be appealed. The appeal options are listed below.

Appeal Option 1:

Any person with standing may request a public hearing to reconsider this decision. The request must state the specific reasons for reconsideration in accordance with Washington Administrative Code 246-310-560.

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A reconsideration request must be received within 28 calendar days from the date of the decision at one of the following addresses:

<u>Mailing Address:</u>	<u>Physical Address:</u>
Department of Health	Department of Health
Certificate of Need Program	Certificate of Need Program
Mail Stop 47852	111 Israel Road SE
Olympia, WA 98504-7852	Tumwater, WA 98501

Appeal Option 2:

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>
Adjudicative Service Unit	Adjudicative Service Unit
Mail Stop 47879	111 Israel Road SE
Olympia, WA 98504-7879	Tumwater, WA 98501

We monitor projects until completed or the expiration date, whichever occurs last. We do this with quarterly progress reports. At least 30 days before the report's due date, you will receive a form to complete and return.

If you have any questions, please contact Janis Sigman, Manager of the Certificate of Need Program at (360) 236-2955.

Sincerely,



Steve Bowman, PhD, MHA  
Director, Office of Community Health Systems

Enclosure



This Certificate is granted under the authority of RCW 70.38. Issuance of this Certificate does not constitute approval under any other local, federal or state statute, implementing rules and regulations. Examples where additional approval may be necessary include, but are not limited to, construction plan approval through the Construction Review Unit 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.

**Certificate of Need #1591 is issued to:**

**Legal Name of Applicant:** Group Health Cooperative  
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington  
**Address of Applicant:** 201 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, D640 Seattle WA, 98112  
**Type of Service:** Ambulatory Surgery Center  
**Facility Name:** Group Health Capitol Hill Ambulatory Surgery Center  
**Facility Address:** 201 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue East, Suite CMB-2 Seattle, WA 98112

**ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE OF NEED IS BASED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S RECORD AND EVALUATION DATED DECEMBER 20, 2016, (CN App #17-01)**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This certificate approves the continued operation of the eleven operating room ambulatory surgery center in Seattle, within Central King County following the transaction in which Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington will become the sole member of Group Health Cooperative. The types of surgeries to be performed at the ambulatory surgery center include general surgery, orthopedics, otolaryngology, ophthalmology, neurosurgery, gastroenterology, dermatology, pulmonology, vascular surgery, urology, gynecology, plastic surgery, podiatry, cardiology (cardioversions), anesthesiology, and interventional radiology. The surgery center provides care to patients one year of age and older that can be served appropriately in an outpatient setting. Patients in need of care beyond the 23 hours and 59 minutes allowable within an ASC would be transferred in accordance with the transfer agreement between the Group Health Capitol Hill Ambulatory Surgery Center and Swedish Health Services.

**Conditions:**  
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**Approved Capital Expenditure**

There is no capital expenditure related to this project.

**This Certificate authorizes commencement of the project from January 13, 2017 to January 13, 2019, unless extended, withdrawn, suspended, or revoked in accordance with applicable sections of the Certificate of Need law and regulations.**

**Date Certificate Issued:** January 13, 2017

  
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Director, Office of Community Health Systems

**This Certificate is not transferable.**

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#### **Conditions**

1. Approval of the project description as stated above. Group Health Cooperative and Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of Washington further agree that any change to the project as described in the project description is a new project and requires a new Certificate of Need.
2. Percutaneous Coronary Interventions (PCI) as defined in WAC 246-310-705 may not be performed at the Group Health Capitol Hill Ambulatory Surgery Center.
3. Consistent with Revised Code of Washington 70.38.115(3), the Group Health Capitol Hill Ambulatory Surgery Center may not be sold, leased, or have a change in control without first obtaining a Certificate of Need.
4. The Group Health Capitol Hill Ambulatory Surgery Center shall cease dual-licensing of the facility immediately upon meeting requirements for Medicare certification. GHC will submit an amended hospital license application removing the Group Health Capitol Hill Ambulatory Surgery Center from the hospital's license within five working days of receiving certification.