



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

July 6, 2018

John Y. Gregory, Chairman  
Soundcare, Inc. – Messenger House Care Center  
1909 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue West, Suite A  
University Place, WA 98466

Re: 18-11 Full Facility Closure Bed Banking-Licensee

Dear Mr. Gregory:

Thank you for your Nursing Home Full Facility Closure Bed Banking Application received on June 21, 2018. The application requests full facility closure bed banking for Messenger House Care Center located in Kitsap County. The department has granted your request to bank 96 beds. The bed banking will expire on June 1, 2026, or until Certificate of Need is issued, whichever comes first.

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 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.*

According to information provided by the Department of Social and Health Services, Messenger House Care Center discharged its last resident on May 31, 2018. Therefore, the effective date of Messenger House Care Center’s closure was May 31, 2018.

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. For Messenger House Care Center, that date was July 2, 2018<sup>1</sup>. Your request was received on June 21, 2018.

RCW 70.38.115(1)(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 Messenger House Care Center was the licensee at

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<sup>1</sup> Washington Administrative Code 246-310-010(17).

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the time of the facility's closure. The eight-year bed banking of the 96 beds at Messenger House Care Center will expire on June 1, 2026, or until a Certificate of Need is issued.<sup>2</sup>

Please call me at (360) 236-2955 if you have any questions regarding the bed banking at Messenger House Care Center.

Sincerely,



Janis Sigman, Manager  
Certificate of Need Program  
Community Health Systems

cc: Department of Social and Health Services