



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Olympia, Washington 98504

June 14, 2022

Tyler Brown
Sight Partners Physicians, PC
e-mail: tyler.brown@empireeye.com

RE: Certificate of Need Application #21-59A – Certificate of Need #1935

Dear Mr. Brown:

Enclosed is Certificate of Need (CN) #1935 issued to Sight Partners Physicians, PC approving the establishment of an ambulator surgery center in Spokane, within Spokane County.

The certificate is not an 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. A reconsideration request must be received within 28 calendar days from the date of the decision at one of the following addresses:

Mailing Address:

Department of Health
Certificate of Need Program
Mail Stop 47852
Olympia, WA 98504-7852

Physical Address:

Department of Health
Certificate of Need Program
111 Israel Road SE
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-

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610. A request for an adjudicative proceeding must be received within the 28 days at one of the following addresses:

Mailing Address:

Department of Health
Adjudicative Service Unit
Mail Stop 47879
Olympia, WA 98504-7879

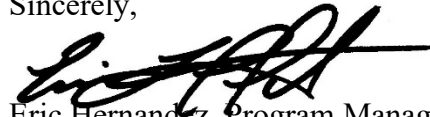
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111 Israel Road SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

We monitor projects until completed or the expiration date, whichever occurs first. 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 the Certificate of Need Program at (360) 236-2955.

Sincerely,



Eric Hernandez, Program Manager
Certificate of Need
Office of Community Health Systems

Enclosure

cc: Lance Baldwin, Consultant



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 #1935 is issued to:

Applicant's Legal Name: Sight Partners Physicians, PC
Applicant's Current Address: 16010 East Indiana Avenue, Spokane Valley, Washington 99037
Facility Type: Ambulatory Surgical Facility
Project Type: Ambulatory Surgical Facility
Facility Name: Empire Eye Surgery Center
Facility Address: 16010 East Indiana Avenue, Spokane Valley, Washington 99037

ISSUANCE OF THIS CERTIFICATE OF NEED IS BASED ON THE DEPARTMENT'S RECORD AND EVALUATION DATED JUNE 2, 2022 (CN APP # 21-59A).

Project Description

This certificate approves the establishment of a new surgery center in Spokane Valley within Spokane County. The surgery center will have a total of two operating rooms (ORs). The outpatient surgical services will be provided to patients that can be appropriately and safely treated in an outpatient setting. Services to be provided at the surgery center are solely related to ophthalmology.

Service Area

Spokane County

Conditions


1. Sight Partners Physicians, PC agrees with the project description as stated above. Sight Partners Physicians, PC further agrees that any change to the project as described in the project description above is a new project that requires a new Certificate of Need.
2. Sight Partners Physicians, PC will obtain and maintain both Medicare and Medicaid certification at the surgery center.
3. Sight Partners Physicians, PC will obtain and maintain a Washington State license.
4. Sight Partners Physicians, PC will provide charity care at the surgery center in compliance with its charity care policy reviewed for this project. Sight Partners Physicians, PC will use reasonable efforts to provide charity care in the amount consistent with the three-year average of charity care provided by the four hospitals operating in Spokane County within the Eastern Region. The three-year average for years 2018 – 2020 is 1.13% of gross revenues and 3.23% of adjusted revenues.
5. Sight Partners Physicians, PC will maintain records of charity care applications received and the dollar amount of charity care discounts granted for the new surgery center. The records must be available upon request.
6. Prior to providing services at the new surgery center, Sight Partners Physicians, PC will submit an executed Charity Care Policy to the Certificate of Need Program for review and approval. The executed policy will be substantially consistent with the draft policy provided in the application, and include the most recent Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Approved Capital Expenditure

The estimated capital expenditure for this project is \$1,412,811. However, Sight Partners Physicians, PC states that since the surgery center is fully operational under the CN exemption, all capital costs have already been expended and there are no start-up costs associated with this project.

This Certificate authorizes commencement of the project from June 14, 2022 to June 14, 2024 unless extended, withdrawn, suspended, or revoked in accordance with applicable sections of the Certificate of Need law and regulations.

Date Certificate Issued: June 14, 2022


Eric Hernandez, Program Manager
Community Health Systems

This Certificate is not transferable.