



City of Tacoma

City Council

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Eric Hernandez
Manager
Washington State Department of Health
Certificate of Need Program
111 Israel Rd. S.E.
Tumwater, WA 98501

Re: Certificate of Need Request by Mary Bridge Children's Hospital to Transfer Licensure of Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Intermediate Care Nursery Beds to Mary Bridge Children's Hospital and Modify a Condition of Certificate of Need #1920

Dear Mr. Hernandez,

We are pleased to write this letter in support of MultiCare's application to transfer licensure of MultiCare Tacoma General Hospital's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit and Intermediate Care Nursery Beds to Mary Bridge Children's Hospital.

The City of Tacoma is committed to partnering with MultiCare on initiatives and programs that promote the health and wellbeing of our community. Moving the ICN and NICU licensures to Mary Bridge will streamline health care services for new babies and children, as well as allow for better care planning, delivery, and administration for pediatric providers. This administrative update is especially critical, as Mary Bridge Children's Hospital is the neonatal referral center for Pierce County and the southwest Washington region.

Granting this application to transfer licensures will assist MultiCare in continuing to provide excellent standards of care. We respectfully urge you move the Tacoma General ICN and NICU to the MultiCare Mary Bridge Children's Hospital license in Tacoma, Washington.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,