

April 5, 2023

Matt Gilman, MPPA
Facilities Planning, Safety and Licensing Program Manager
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Oregon Health Authority

Re: CN #699 – Letter of Intent

Dear Matt:

Bay Area Hospital is responding with this letter of support for PeaceHealth RiverBend Medical Center's proposal for a new 50-bed Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility (IRF) in Lane County. We work with PeaceHealth RiverBend across a number of service lines to meet the healthcare needs of our community. They serve as the region's Level II Trauma Center and are the natural travel path for most of our patients who need services not available in our local community. We are supportive of increasing the access to IRF beds in the region. Like many hospitals across the state we have had a detrimental impact in increased length of stay related to lack of availability of many different types of post-acute-care services. We can see how this project could help improve access and avoid delayed discharges in the region.

Sincerely,



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