

**WAC 246-310-132 Open heart surgery concurrent review cycle. (1)**

The department shall review new open heart surgery services using the concurrent review cycle in this section.

(2) Certificate of need applications shall be submitted and reviewed according to the following schedule and procedures.

(a) Letters of intent shall be submitted between the first working day and last working day of July of each year.

(b) Initial applications shall be submitted between the first working day and last working day of August of each year.

(c) The department shall screen initial applications for completeness by the last working day of September of each year.

(d) Responses to screening questions shall be submitted by the last working day of October of each year.

(e) The public review and comment period for applications shall begin on November 16 of each year. In the event that November 16 is not a working day in any year, then the public review and comment period shall begin on the first working day after November 16.

(f) The public comment period shall be limited to ninety days, unless extended according to the provisions of WAC 246-310-120 (2)(d). The first sixty days of the public comment period shall be reserved for receiving public comments and conducting a public hearing, if requested. The remaining thirty days shall be for the applicant or applicants to provide rebuttal statements to written or oral statements submitted during the first sixty-day period. Any affected person shall also be provided the opportunity to provide rebuttal statements to written or oral statements submitted during the first sixty-day period.

(g) The final review period shall be limited to sixty days, unless extended according to the provisions of WAC 246-310-120 (2)(d).

(3) Any letter of intent or certificate of need application submitted for review in advance of this schedule, or certificate of need application under review as of the effective date of this section, shall be held by the department for review according to the schedule in this section.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.38 RCW. WSR 98-10-053, § 246-310-132, filed 4/29/98, effective 5/30/98; WSR 96-24-052, § 246-310-132, filed 11/27/96, effective 12/28/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 70.38.135. WSR 92-16-081 (Order 293) § 246-310-132, filed 8/4/92 effective 9/4/92; WSR 91-17-011 (Order 188), § 246-310-132, filed 8/12/91, effective 8/28/91.]