

WAC 246-312-060 Timelines for review. (1) For good cause, the department of health or the attorney general may request a one-time, thirty-day extension to each timeline.

(2) The department, in consultation with the attorney general, will determine if an application is complete within fifteen working days of the receipt of the application package, documents and required fee(s). If a determination is made that the application is incomplete, the applicant will be notified of the reasons the application is incomplete, with reference to the particular deficiencies.

(3) The department will publish a notice of the application in the newspaper(s) in the county or counties where the hospital is located within five working days of receiving a completed application. The department will notify any person who has requested to receive such notices. The notice shall contain:

(a) Information about the parties to the acquisition;

(b) Where and when to send comments to the department; and

(c) Other information required for adequate public notice of the transaction and the department's review.

(4) Within forty-five days of the first public hearing, the attorney general will provide a written opinion to the department as to whether the acquisition meets the requirements for approval as required by chapter 70.45 RCW.

(5) Within thirty days of receiving the written opinion from the attorney general, the department will:

(a) Approve the acquisition, with or without any specific modification or conditions; or

(b) Disapprove the acquisition.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.45 RCW and RCW 70.44.007. WSR 98-14-056, § 246-312-060, filed 6/26/98, effective 7/27/98.]