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Re: Request for Ambulatory Surgical Facility Fee Study

Dear Ms. Fisher:

As you know, I represent the Washington Ambulatory Surgery Center Association (“WASCA”). This letter follows our meeting on October 27, 2011 with Bart Eggen and Hiroshi Nakano, WASCA’s Vice President, regarding the implementation of Substitute House Bill 1575 and the Washington State Department of Health’s proposed increase in the license fee for ambulatory surgical facilities (“ASFs”). During our meeting, you advised that the Department would be proposing an increase in the ASF license fee, specifically an increase from the current average license fee of \$1,680 to the proposed new license fee of \$14,760 – *nearly an 800% increase in the license fee*. You indicated that the Department had conducted a fee study to determine the correct fee amount to propose, and we requested a copy of the study along with a copy of the draft rule language.


In order to allow WASCA and its members an adequate opportunity to review the fee study and draft rule language, we specifically requested a copy of these documents sufficiently in advance of the November 22, 2011 stakeholder meeting. On October 28, 2011, we were advised that the documents would be forthcoming. To date, we have received no documents. In the interim, we have repeatedly contacted the Department verbally and in writing requesting these documents, to no avail. In order for there to be meaningful participation by the stakeholders at the November 22, 2011 meeting, it is critical that the stakeholders review the study and draft rule language. Please advise when WASCA can expect to receive these documents.



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Representative Eileen Cody