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Mr. David French  
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RE: No Review /Alliance Healthcare Services, Inc. / Temporary use of One Additional Mobile MRI Scanner, SIGNA 404 (Serial #1S9FA482141182724), During Maintenance of Existing Mobile MRI Scanner, SIGNA 406 (Serial # 1S9FA482851182740) / HSA VI  
FID # 030799

Dear Mr. French:

The Certificate of Need (CON) Section received your letter received May 30, 2013 regarding the above referenced proposal. Based on the CON law **in effect on the date of this response to your request**, the proposal described in your correspondence is not governed by, and therefore, does not currently require a certificate of need. However, please note that if the CON law is subsequently amended such that the above referenced proposal would require a certificate of need, this determination does not authorize you to proceed to develop the above referenced proposal when the new law becomes effective.

It should be noted that this determination is binding only for the facts represented by you. Consequently, if changes are made in the project or in the facts provided in your correspondence referenced above, a new determination as to whether a certificate of need is required would need to be made by the Certificate of Need Section. Changes in a project include, but are not limited to: (1) increases in the capital cost; (2) acquisition of medical equipment not included in the original cost estimate; (3) modifications in the design of the project; (4) change in location; and (5) any increase in the number of square feet to be constructed.

In addition, you should contact the Construction Section, DHSR, to determine if they have any requirements for development of the proposed project. Please contact the CON Section if you have any questions. Also, in all future correspondence you should reference the Facility I.D.# (FID) if the facility is licensed.

Sincerely,  
*Gloria C. Hale*  
Gloria C. Hale  
Project Analyst

*Craig R. Smith*  
Craig R. Smith, Chief  
Certificate of Need Section

cc: Construction Section, DHSR  
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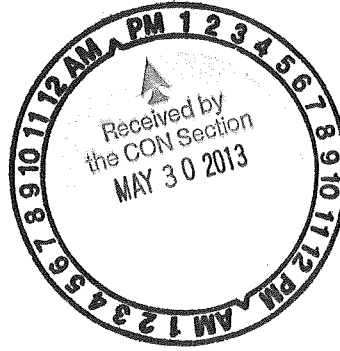


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RE: Alliance Healthcare Services MRI Equipment Maintenance with Temporary Changes in Allocation of MRI Equipment

Dear Ms. Frisone,

Alliance Healthcare Services has two MRI scanners in North Carolina that need to have cosmetic / structural maintenance. No changes in the equipment or software are planned. Both units are CON-approved units. SIGNA 406 (Serial # 1S9FA482851182740) is a mobile unit that is used by Alliance / Vidant to serve multiple sites in eastern NC. SIGNA 456 (Serial # 1S9FA482481183226) is a fixed unit parked at Piedmont Healthcare in Statesville.

Rather than bring a temporary replacement MRI unit into NC, Alliance wants to use a grandfathered scanner SIGNA 404 (Serial # 1S9FA482141182724) that is already in the North Carolina inventory as a temporary substitute for each of these CON units. SIGNA 404 is a grandfathered unit in the NC inventory and it can be used to provide temporary service in the place of SIGNA 406 (Alliance / Vidant mobile MRI) while this unit is being repaired. Also, SIGNA 404 will be used to provide temporary service in the place of SIG456 (Alliance/Piedmont Healthcare fixed MRI) while this unit is being repaired. SIGNA 406 and SIGNA 456 will not be removed from service at the same time. In this way SIGNA 404 can be used to provide coverage for both units.

Please confirm that the above arrangement does not require an equipment replacement exemption letter for MRI equipment because no additional MRI scanners will be utilized in NC. If you have any questions please call me at 336 349-6250.

Sincerely

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**Hale, Gloria**

**From:** Carraway, Shelley  
**Sent:** Monday, June 03, 2013 9:58 AM  
**To:** Hale, Gloria  
**Subject:** RE: Question re. mobile MRIs

Good morning Gloria,

My weekend **was** grand. I hope your was as well! To clarify for future information, we track the serial numbers of the units that are not in hospitals via the Registration and Inventory forms. We do NOT get serial number information from hospitals that have equipment. They complete the License Renewal Application that does not ask for those specifics – only procedure numbers.

*all in HSA W* { But to your specific question, because it is a mobile and a non-hospital entity providing services, I do have info on that particular piece of equipment. But you are correct that it serves more than one county. This past reporting period, it served Beaufort, Duplin, Martin and Washington counties with the highest number of procedures in Duplin. I am not sure of your protocols for No Review, but if you had to pick one, I would say Duplin. However, to throw a monkey wrench in it, last reporting period, this piece of equipment served Bertie, Chowan, Washington, Beaufort, Edgecombe, Martin, Duplin and Jones. And that period saw the highest number of procedures in Edgecombe.

Sorry if this did not give a definitive answer for you! Good luck!  
 Shelley  
 Direct line: (919) 855-3840

Look forward to lunch this week too!

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**From:** Hale, Gloria  
**Sent:** Monday, June 03, 2013 8:40 AM  
**To:** Carraway, Shelley  
**Subject:** Question re. mobile MRIs

Good morning, Shelley. I hope your weekend was grand. I was wondering if you track serial #'s of equipment, specifically mobile MRI units? I need to identify the main location of an Alliance Healthcare Services mobile MRI unit being used in the eastern part of the state. It is a Signa 406 (serial #1S9FA482851182740) that is used by Alliance/Vidant to serve multiple sites in eastern NC. So, it may not have a "main" location, but I am working on what's called a No Review and we typically mention the county that the unit is in, so I guess if it's used in one site more often than others, I'll go with that one.

Any help you could provide would be much appreciated!

6/3/2013