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## Re: Comments on the Proposed 2010 State Medical Facilities Plan

Dear Dr. Myers:

We offer the following comments and requests regarding the Proposed 2010 State Medical Facilities Plan on behalf of Charlotte Radiology, P.A.:

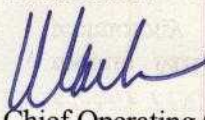
**Mobile MRI.** We support the finding that there is no need for any additional mobile MRI scanners anywhere in the state. Further, we recommend the technology committee examine the potential of developing a single need methodology for both mobile and fixed MRI scanners. We believe this recommendation is in line with the following situation and trends:

- All counties in the state with a hospital (and thus some level of acute care services) currently have direct access to MRI technology;
- There are many counties in the state with access to multiple fixed and mobile MRI scanners;
- The current growth rate in total state-wide MRI utilization is negative;
- Scans per equivalent MRI unit have declined over the last year; and
- Application of the current fixed MRI need methodology only reflects a need for two additional scanners statewide, further suggesting adequate access to MRI technology across the state.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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