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**Haywood Medical Imaging requests that a new methodology be developed to determine the need for additional mobile PET scanners in the Western Region of North Carolina.**

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**The Medical Facilities Planning Section determined no need for an additional mobile scanner in Western North Carolina for 2011. Haywood County is a rural area, and patients in Haywood County are underserved and often lack access to PET services. There is currently only one mobile PET scanner for 18 hospitals in Western North Carolina and it is operating at capacity. The current PET scanner in the Midwest Health System, located at Midwest Harris, receives mobile PET services only one day every other week. That can create a hardship for patients who are ill and are forced to travel long distances.**

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**Haywood Medical Imaging believes that the proposed mobile PET methodology merits approval in order to provide equitable, consistent process for determining statewide need for additional mobile PET scanners.**

**Respectfully,**

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