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Dear Ms. Pfeiffer:

NCHA has reviewed and supports the petition submitted by MedQuest Associates and Novant Health, Inc. requesting a methodology for mobile Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scanners.

According to the 2013 SMFP the state's two mobile scanners performed 3,066 and 2,650 scans during the last fiscal year, among the highest volumes in the state. As the existing PET Scanner methodology was established for fixed equipment only, there is no mechanism in place to increase the number of mobile PET Scanners. Hospitals using these two leased machines may struggle for additional time to meet their patient's needs.

Therefore NCHA recommends that a methodology be established for mobile PET Scanners.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions, and thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the MedCapital petition.

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