

Attachment B

Letters of Support



Associated Urologists of North Carolina, PA

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**RE: Letter of support for Raleigh Radiology, LLC 2016 Special Needs
Petition for Fixed Magnetic Resonance Imaging Equipment in Wake County,
HSA IV**

Dear Dr. Ulrich and Mr. Yakaboski,

This is to request staff endorsement and State Health Coordinating Council approval of the request from Raleigh Radiology, LLC for an amendment to the *2016 Proposed State Medical Facilities Plan* to include a special need for a fixed MRI scanner in Wake County.

Raleigh Radiology does not own its MRI scanner; it contracts services from Alliance Imaging. This arrangement is costly and inefficient. Raleigh Radiology built the space, but must lease both the equipment and staff from Alliance. This prevents Raleigh Radiology from controlling staff schedules, and gives it no control over the cost of equipment use. In today's environment, price plays a key value role. It is not good for the Plan to create a situation in which a company with grandfathered status can control hours and price, thus prevent scans from occurring at Raleigh Radiology.

Despite these challenges, Raleigh Radiology continues to provide low out-of-pocket costs for MRI, without sacrificing high-quality services. Providing one more scanner in Wake County would give them an opportunity to reduce costs and increase access through ownership of their own equipment, is the best option. I encourage you to decide in their favor.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important manner.

Sincerely,

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