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March 26, 2015

Tim Fontaine  
Pioneer Community Hospital of Stokes  
1570 NC 8 & 89 Hwy North  
Danbury, NC 27016

**No Review**

Facility: Pioneer Community Hospital of Stokes  
Project Description: Contract with mobile MRI vendor for MRI services at hospital  
County: Stokes  
FID #: 943474

Dear Mr. Fontaine:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency) received your email of March 24, 2015 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.

Moreover, you need to contact the Agency's Construction and Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Sections to determine if they have any requirements for development of the proposed project.

It should be noted that this determination is binding only for the facts represented in your correspondence. 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 this office. 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.



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Please contact this office if you have any questions. Also, in all future correspondence you should reference the Facility ID # (FID) if the facility is licensed.

Sincerely,

  
Kim Randolph  
Project Analyst

  
Martha J. Frisone  
Assistant Chief, Certificate of Need

cc: Construction Section, DHSR  
Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR  
Assistant Chief, Healthcare Planning

**From:** Randolph, Kimberly M [<mailto:Kimberly.Randolph@dhhs.nc.gov>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 24, 2015 4:01 PM  
**To:** Tim Fontaine  
**Subject:** MRI Question

Hi Tim,

In order to answer your MRI question regarding contracting with a mobile MRI vendor at Pioneer Community Hospital of Stokes, FID # 943474, please provide the following.

1. Brief description of your project. Contracting with local vendor to bring mobile MRI services to Stokes County.
2. Approximate cost (can be a statement indicating that you don't expect the project to exceed a specific amount). The project will not exceed 2.0 million; actual startup costs for cement pad, electrical and data lines will be less than 30,000 US dollars.
3. Time frame when you would like to start the project. Project is planned to begin within 4-6 weeks
4. Complete mailing address where you would like me to send the response. See below

Attn: Tim Fontaine  
Pioneer Community Hospital of Stokes  
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Thanks for your question Tim. Once I receive responses to the above items, I will send you a letter with the Agency's decision.

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