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VIA EMAIL ONLY

April 29, 2025

Marjorie McVay

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**Exempt from Review – Replacement Equipment**

**Record #:** 4764

**Date of Request:** April 22, 2025

**Facility Name:** UNC Health Rex

**FID #:** 953429

**Business Name:** Rex Hospital, Inc.

**Business #:** 1554

**Project Description:** Temporary replacement of fixed PET/CT scanner with a mobile unit

**County:** Wake

Dear Marjorie McVay:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that the above referenced project is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(a)(7). Therefore, you may proceed to acquire without a certificate of need the vendor-owned mobile PET/CT scanner to temporarily replace the existing fixed PET /CT scanner. This determination is based on your representations that the mobile unit will be removed or otherwise disposed of and will not be used again in the State without first obtaining a certificate of need if one is required following completion of repairs to the fixed unit.

It should be noted that the Agency's position is based solely on the facts represented by you and that any change in facts as represented would require further consideration by this office and a separate determination. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact this office.

Sincerely,

Crystal Kearney

Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell

Chief

cc: Radiation Protection Section, DHSR

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April 22, 2025

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mike McKillip, Team Leader  
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CON Section  
Division of Health Service Regulation  
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Re: Rex Hospital, Inc.'s Exemption Notice Regarding Temporary Replacement of Fixed PET/CT Scanner

Dear Mr. McKillip & Ms. Kearney:

Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(a)7, please accept this letter as notification of Rex Hospital, Inc.'s ("UNC Health Rex") intent to utilize a vendor owned mobile PET/CT scanner as an immediate temporary replacement for an interim period of approximately 2 months while its existing hospital based fixed PET/CT Scanner (CON Project ID J-6428-01) is undergoing repairs.

UNC Health Rex currently operates a fixed PET/CT scanner at its main hospital in Raleigh and requests use of a temporary unit in order to continue providing effective patient care. Once the repairs to the existing fixed PET/CT scanner have been complete, the temporary mobile PET/CT will be taken off site and will not be used at UNC Health Rex.

The temporary mobile PET/CT scanner is comparable to the existing PET/CT scanner currently in use at UNC Health Rex and will be used for the same diagnostic purposes as the existing equipment. The temporary PET/CT will not be used to provide a new institutional health service and at no time will UNC Health Rex operate more than one PET/CT scanner without obtaining necessary regulatory approval from the Health Care Planning and Certificate of Need Section.

Sincerely,

**Diana Massa**

Diana Massa  
Vice President, Imaging  
UNC Health Rex

**From:** [Kearney, Crystal](#)  
**To:** [McVay, Marjorie](#); [Mckillip, Mike](#)  
**Cc:** [Stancil, Tiffany C](#)  
**Subject:** RE: [External] UNC Health Rex - Exemption Notice Regarding Temporary Replacement of Fixed PET/CT Scanner  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 22, 2025 2:56:35 PM  
**Attachments:** [2025.04 Rex Mobile PET Notice.pdf](#)  
[image001.png](#)

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Marjorie

All requests must go to DSHR request mailbox to be logged in. I have forwarded your request to Tiffany.

Tiffany – see request

*Crystal Kearney*

Project Analyst, Certificate of Need

Division of Health Service Regulations, Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need

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**Subject:** [External] UNC Health Rex - Exemption Notice Regarding Temporary Replacement of Fixed PET/CT Scanner

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Good afternoon Mike & Crystal,

Attached is a notice regarding temporary use of a mobile PET/CT scanner at UNC Health Rex in Raleigh.

Of note, UNC Health Rex also has second unit under development, CON Project ID J-11659-19; acquire a second fixed dedicated PET scanner pursuant to the need determination in the 2019 SMFP, which is expected to be delivered and operational in the next couple months. This project is not impacted by the temporary use of the mobile PET discussed in the attached notice.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you -  
Marjorie

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