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VIA EMAIL ONLY

August 29, 2025

Tina Hinshaw

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Exempt from Review – Replacement Equipment

Record #: 4895

Date of Request: August 15, 2025

Business Name: Alliance Healthcare Services, Inc.

Business #: 60

Project Description: Replace MRI scanner

County: Wake

Dear Tina Hinshaw:

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(f). Therefore, you may proceed to acquire without a certificate of need the Altea 2 MRI scanner to permanently replace the Sym 66 MRI scanner. This determination is based on your representations that the existing unit will be sold or otherwise disposed of and will not be used again in the State without first obtaining a certificate of need if one is required.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Crystal Kearney".

Crystal Kearney

Project Analyst

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Micheala Mitchell".

Micheala Mitchell

Chief

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Mr. Mike McKillip, CON Analyst
Mr. Greg Yakaboski, CON Analyst
Ms. Micheala Mitchell, Chief
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Business Name: Alliance Healthcare Services

Business Number: 60

CON#: Legacy

Sym 66	Serial # 27478	Siemens Symphony
Altea 2	Serial # 191243	Siemens Altea Magnetom

RE: Alliance Healthcare Services - Written Notice for Exemption from CON Review for the **Permanent Replacement of MRI Scanner Sym 66 (Legacy) by Altea 2.**

Dear Mr. McKillip and Ms. Mitchell:

I am writing regarding the permanent replacement of MRI Sym 66 by Altea 2. Alliance Healthcare services was able to replace Sym 66 with a newer Siemens asset, Altea 2, which is now the permanent asset serving under this legacy CON. Please accept this notice of exemption to permanently replace Sym 66 (legacy) with Altea 2 which is a fixed MRI scanner owned by Alliance and will be utilized as the permanent replacement. Sym 66 has been deinstalled and removed from use in NC.

This Legacy CON is now fulfilled by Alliance MRI Altea 2 which is a scanner that will be properly reported in the 2025 NC MRI Equipment Inventory. Altea 2 is and will be serving the following host site:

Wake Radiology Cary
300 Ashville Ave
Cary, NC 27518

This letter provides justification and written notice regarding the replacement equipment in accordance with NCGS 131 E-184. Alliance Healthcare Services also provides documentation that the equipment conforms to the Certificate of Need Laws and Administrative rules: GS 131E-184(a) (7) Exemptions from review to provide replacement equipment 10A NCAC 14C.0303 Replacement Equipment Administrative Rules.

Compliance Documentation

Compliance with G.S. 131E-176 (22a) Replacement Equipment Definition is evident because the replacement scanner has a fair market value of \$700,000 which is far less than the \$2,000,000 threshold. The replacement MRI equipment will be used for the same diagnostic purposes as the existing equipment. In addition, Alliance is providing written notice to the Department in accordance with G.S. 131E-184 (a) (7) Exemption from Review to provide replacement equipment.

The existing equipment, Sym 66, will be permanently replaced by Altea 2. Sym66 has been removed from use in NC. Thank you for your review and consideration of this information. Please call me at 805.325.3078 if you have any questions.



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Sincerely,

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Subject: FW: [External] Legacy CON - Replacement of Asset Sym 66 by Altea 2
Date: Friday, August 15, 2025 1:37:19 PM
Attachments: [AR_NCCON_Altea 2 Permanent Replacement of Sym 66_08152025.pdf](#)

This is another replacement equipment exemption letter that can be assigned to Crystal. Thanks.

Michael McKillip

Team Leader, Certificate of Need

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

[NC Department of Health and Human Services](#)

Office: 919-855-3877 (I am in the office on Wednesday and Friday, and can best be reached by email on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.)

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I hope this email finds you well.

Please see the attached notice regarding an exception for the permanent replacement of an MRI Scanner utilizing a Legacy CON.

Thank you,
Tina

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