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VIA EMAIL ONLY

July 16, 2025

Heidi Ambrose
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Exempt from Review – Replacement Equipment

Record #: 4841
Date of Request: July 11, 2025
Facility Name: Sentara Albermarle Medical Center
FID #: 952933
Business Name: Sentara Albemarle Regional Medical Center, LLC
Business #: 54
Project Description: Temporary replacement of fixed MRI scanner
County: Pasquotank

Dear Ms. Ambrose:

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 temporarily use without a certificate of need the Siemens 1.5T Avanto mobile MRI scanner, serial number 25736, while the Siemens 1.5T fixed MRI scanner, serial number 41645, is being moved to the new Sentara Albermarle Medical Center.

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,

Gregory F. Yakaboski
Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell
Chief

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Here it is. Thanks

Sincerely,

Gregory F. Yakaboski

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Tiffany would you mind assigning this to Greg?

Thanks,

Micheala

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Sentara Albemarle Medical Center (SAMC) is writing to inform you of the temporary use of a Mobile MRI unit due to the fixed unit's move. The existing Fixed MRI is being moved to the new SAMC facility which is set to open on August 8th, 2025. The move will begin on July 14th, 2025 and is expected to take approximately 4 weeks.

To ensure uninterrupted patient care during this period, we are leasing a Mobile MRI from Akumin.

SAMC Fixed MRI (Out of Service from 7/14/25-8/8/25):

- **Model:** Siemens 1.5T Aera
- **Serial Number:** 41645
- **Certificate of Need Project ID:** R-007623-06
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Temporary Loaner Unit:

- **Model:** Siemens 1.5T Avanto
- **Serial Number:** 25736
- **Unit Number:** SYM 71

Both scanners offer the same imaging capabilities, ensuring consistent quality of care for our patients.

We will notify you once the new hospital is open and the mobile unit is no longer in use. Please feel free to reach out with any questions. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Sincerely,

Heidi

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