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VIA EMAIL ONLY

June 2, 2025

Ms. Denise M. Gunter

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Exempt from Review – Replacement Equipment

Record #: 4791

Date of Request: May 6, 2025

FID #: 040267

Business Name: MedQuest Associates

Business #: 2692

Project Description: Temporarily replace mobile MRI scanner

County: Moore

Dear Ms. Gunter:

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 mobile MRI scanner (MQ 26) to temporarily replace the existing mobile MRI scanner (MQ 19). This determination is based on your representations that the MQ 19 mobile MRI scanner will undergo repairs, after which, upon completion of the repairs, the MQ 26 mobile MRI scanner 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,

Tanya M. Saporito, J.D.
Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell
Chief

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May 6, 2025

Via E-mail

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Division of Health Service Regulation
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RE: Temporary Replacement of Mobile MRI Scanner, Project I.D. No. J-7008-04

Dear Ms. Mitchell:

On behalf of MedQuest Associates (“MedQuest”) and pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 131E-184(a)(7), I am writing to advise the Agency of a temporary replacement of a mobile MRI scanner that is currently in use pursuant to the definition in 10A NCAC 14C .0303(b).

Over the next several months, MedQuest plans to upgrade one of its mobile MRI units, known internally as MQ 19 (Project I.D. No. J-7008-04), to a new software platform called SIGNA Works HD30.2. MQ 19 is a 1.5T mobile GE MRI scanner. The HD30.2 software platform provides supplemental advanced clinical applications and deep learning based reconstruction designed to further extend and enhance clinical capability and performance. The software upgrade is expected to cost \$458,704.40, and is expected to take from approximately early June, 2025 to approximately early September, 2025.

During this time, MQ19 will be taken out of service. In order not to inconvenience patients and referring physicians who rely on MQ 19, MedQuest intends to use a mobile MRI scanner that is currently in storage, MQ26, to cover MQ 19’s route. The specific sites that MQ 26 will cover are First Health Imaging Lee Campus, 2919 Beechtree Drive, Sanford, NC 27330 and First Health Montgomery Memorial Hospital, 520 Allen Street, Troy, NC 27371.

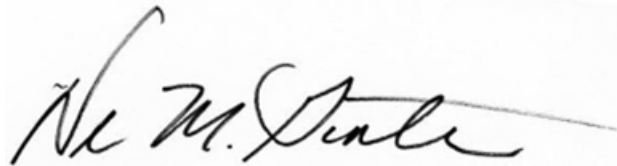
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Like MQ 19, MQ 26 is a 1.5T GE mobile MRI scanner. MQ 26 is comparable equipment to MQ 19, and none of the exclusions in 10A NCAC 14C.0303(c) applies here. When the software upgrade on MQ 19 is complete, MedQuest will take MQ 26 out of service and will return it to storage. Thus, this project does not involve an increase in the number of mobile MRI scanners. There are no capital costs associated with using MQ 26 temporarily, as MedQuest already owns the equipment and the host sites have mobile MRI pads. No new health services will be provided and there will be no increase in patient charges as a result of this temporary replacement.

Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Agency issue its written determination that the foregoing temporary MRI replacement does not require a CON.

Please let me know if you need any additional information to consider this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise M. Gunter", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Denise M. Gunter

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Good morning,

I hope all is well. Attached for processing is correspondence regarding the temporary replacement of one of MedQuest's mobile MRI scanners due to a software upgrade.

Could you please confirm that you have received this?

Thanks.



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