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Tim Ludwig, VP, Ancillary Services  
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**Exempt from Review – Replacement Equipment**

**Record #:** 2298  
Facility Name: CarolinaEast Medical Center  
FID #: 923126  
Business Name: CarolinaEast Medical Center, Inc  
Business #: 2499  
Project Description: Temporarily replace existing fixed PET/CT scanner with a mobile PET/CT scanner  
County: Craven

Dear Mr. Ludwig:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that based on your correspondence of June 21, 2017 and June 12, 2017, the above referenced proposal is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §131E-184(a)(7). Therefore, you may proceed to use a mobile PET/CT to temporarily replace your fixed PET/CT scanner. Further, the current PET/CT scanner will resume operations at CarolinaEast Medical in North Carolina once it is repaired and operational, and will not be used at other sites in the State without first obtaining a certificate of need.

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,

Jane Rhoe-Jones  
Project Analyst

Martha J. Frisone  
Chief, Healthcare Planning and  
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**From:** Timothy Ludwig <TLudwig@carolinaeasthealth.com>  
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**To:** rhoe-jones, jane e  
**Subject:** CarolinaEast Pet

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Due By:** Thursday, June 22, 2017 8:00 AM  
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Good afternoon Jane. Below is the information needed to supplement the letter related to utilizing a mobile PET in place of our fixed PET for a couple of months.

Current Fixed PET- GE Discovery ST 4 Slice, S/N 4643PT3

Mobile Unit PET – GE Discovery ST 4 Slice, S/N 6038PT4

Please let me know if there is anything else that I can provide for you, and as always, thank you for your kindness and assistance.

Respectfully, Tim Ludwig

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June 12, 2017

Ms. Martha Frisone, Chief  
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**RE: Temporary Equipment Replacement for CarolinaEast Medical Center's Fixed PET/CT Scanner**

Dear Ms. Frisone:

The purpose of this letter is to request that CarolinaEast Medical Center ("CEMC") be permitted to temporarily utilize a mobile PET/CT scanner in place of its existing fixed PET/CT scanner. CEMC will be undergoing ceiling and roof repairs directly over the room containing the fixed PET/CT scanner. During that time, the room will be closed and unable to be used to scan patients. CEMC estimates the repairs will take approximately two months.

As the only fixed PET service in HSA IV east of Greenville, and in order to ensure continued care to patients, CEMC intends to contract with Numed, Inc. to bring a mobile PET/CT scanner to CEMC from another state. CEMC already has a mobile pad in place that will accommodate the mobile scanner, so no construction will be necessary to provide the temporary service. Upon completion of the necessary roof work, and once CEMC is able to utilize its own fixed PET/CT scanner again, the vendor will remove the mobile PET/CT scanner from the state. At no time will CEMC scan patients on more than one PET/CT scanner.

CEMC hopes to commence this work within the next few weeks, so please let me know if I can provide any additional information to expedite our request.

Sincerely,



Tim Ludwig  
Vice President, Ancillary Services  
CarolinaEast Health System