

Technology and Equipment Oral Report to the SHCC
on
2016 Summer Petitions and Comments

The Technology and Equipment Committee will meet next on Wednesday, September 14, 2016. The committee will review and discuss several petitions for adjusted need determinations at this meeting. Materials related to this report will be posted online on the Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section's website.

The following is a brief rundown of the petitions and comments received during the public hearings in July 2016.

WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER 9, POSITRON EMISSION TOMOGRAPHY SCANNER (PET):

One comment was received from Duke University Health system in support of the PET need determination in the *Proposed 2017 SMFP*. A public hearing comment also in support was received from Duke Raleigh Hospital.

WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER 9, MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING (MRI):

Two petitions were received on this section. One petition was received from Carolinas HealthCare System requesting the need determination for one fixed MRI Scanner in Lincoln County be removed from the *Proposed 2017 SMFP*. One comment in opposition was received from Novant Health.

The second petition received was regarding *Policy TE-3: Plan Exemption for Fixed Magnetic Resonance Imaging Scanners*. The petitioner, Cape Fear Valley Health System, requests the following two changes:

1. *The policy should be amended to allow an individual community hospital with a 24-hour emergency department to apply for a CON for a fixed MRI.*
2. *The threshold in the policy should be changed to 500 weighted MRI procedures.*

Two documents were received regarding this petition. One in support by the petitioner, CFVHS, and one in opposition.

In addition to the documents submitted for the petition, two comments were received regarding *Policy TE-3*. The North Carolina Hospital Association submitted a comment in support of TE-3, but requesting that the policy may be used in a county where a fixed MRI has already been approved. Alliance Healthcare submitted a comment in opposition to *Policy TE-3* expressing concerns regarding limiting the type of qualified applicant, the potential for underutilized MRI scanners in community hospitals, and the level of the proposed threshold.

WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER 9, CARDIAC CATHETERIZATION:

Two petitions were received on this section. The first was from Rex Healthcare requesting an adjusted need determination in Wake County for two fixed cardiac catheterization machines. One letter of support and two letters of opposition were received. The petitioner, Rex Healthcare, also submitted two comments.

The second petition was from Cape Fear Valley Health System for an adjusted need determination to remove the need for fixed cardiac catheterization equipment in Cumberland County. One document was received and that was from the petitioner, CFVHS.

WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER 9, LITHOTRIPSY:

We received one petition from Triangle Lithotripsy Corporation (TLC) for a special need for one additional mobile lithotripter statewide. One letter of support and one comment from TLC were received. Three documents of opposition were received.

WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER 9, GAMMA KNIFE:

No petitions or comments were received.

WITH REGARD TO CHAPTER 9, LINEAR ACCELERATORS:

No petitions or comments were received.