

Policy TE-4: Substitution of Vendor Owned MRI Scanner for Provider Owned MRI Scanner.

A qualified applicant is a provider who has an executed service contract with an unrelated person for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner services and is unable to apply pursuant to a need determination.

The qualified applicant applying for a certificate of need for a fixed MRI scanner pursuant to this policy shall demonstrate all the following in the CON application:

1. The contracted MRI scanner remains at the existing host site and is not moved to other host sites.
2. The contracted MRI scanner currently is or should be treated as a fixed MRI Scanner in the current SMFP.
3. As reported in the most recent Registration and Inventory form or License Renewal Application (either the one submitted during the same year the CON application is submitted or the form submitted the previous year), the contracted MRI scanner performed at least:
 - a. 4,805 weighted procedures if there are four or more fixed MRI scanners in the service area;
 - b. 4,462 weighted procedures if there are three fixed MRI scanners in the service area;
 - c. 4,118 weighted procedures if there are two fixed MRI scanners in the service area;
 - d. 3,775 weighted procedures if there is one fixed MRI scanner in the service area; or
 - e. 1,716 weighted procedures if there are no fixed MRI scanners in the service area.
4. Projected utilization is consistent with the performance standards promulgated in 10A NCAC 14C .2703 and is based on reasonable and adequately supported assumptions.

The qualified applicant applying for a certificate of need for a mobile MRI scanner pursuant to this policy shall demonstrate all the following in the CON application:

1. As reported in the most recent Registration and Inventory form or License Renewal Application (either the one submitted during the same year the CON application is submitted or the form submitted the previous year), the applicant:
 - a. contracts for mobile MRI services using a mobile MRI scanner owned by an unrelated person.
 - b. performed at least 3,328 weighted MRI procedures combined ~~at~~ for all service sites owned and operated by the applicant or a related entity and located in the proposed service area.
2. The proposed mobile MRI scanner will provide services at two or more sites each week and one of those sites must be an existing site where the applicant currently offers mobile MRI services using a mobile MRI owned by an unrelated person.
3. Projected utilization is consistent with the performance standards promulgated in 10A NCAC 14C .2703 and is based on reasonable and adequately supported assumptions.