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Via Email

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Re: Comments Regarding Wake County MRI Need Determination Petition

Dear Mr. Yakaboski:

Regarding Raleigh Radiology's petition for an adjustment to the MRI need determination for Wake County, Duke University Health System would like to make the following comment: the petition purports to seek a determination for a "replacement MRI scanner need determination," with the additional qualification that "*Provided that in response to this need, a scanner should be located in a community acute care hospital that does not own, or whose parent company does not own fixed MRI equipment in this area.*" However, there is no hospital in the area that does not own or whose parent does not own fixed MRI equipment, nor does the SHCC create need determinations for replacement equipment. We believe that this may be a typographical error, and would propose that the SHCC interpret this petition as simply proposing an adjustment for one additional MRI scanner in the service area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Catharine W. Cummer'.

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