



In accordance with N.C. GEN. STAT. § 131E-185(a1)(1), Wilmington Health, PLLC (Wilmington Health) submits the following comment related to a competing application filed by Novant Health New Hanover Regional Medical Center, LLC (Novant Health), Project ID # O-12124-21, to acquire one fixed MRI scanner to be located at New Hanover Regional Medical Center-Scotts Hill in response to the need determination identified in the *2021 State Medical Facilities Plan* for New Hanover County.

Novant Health's application for a fixed MRI scanner does not demonstrate that it has proposed the least costly or most effective alternative as required by Criterion 4. Wilmington Health trusts the Certificate of Need process. We respect the other organizations that have applied and are confident in the Agency's due diligence process.