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**Exempt from Review – Replacement Equipment**


**Record #:** 2351  
**Facility Name:** Sentara Kitty Hawk Advanced Imaging Center  
**FID #:** 020173  
**Business Name:** Sentara Healthcare  
**Business #:** 1527  
**Project Description:** Temporarily replace existing CT scanner with mobile Sentara operated CT scanner from Virginia  
**County:** Dare

Dear Ms. Ambrose:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that based on your letter of August 1, 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 bring to North Carolina without a certificate of need the GE Lightspeed 16 Slice CT scanner to temporarily replace the Siemens Somatom Definition AS 64 Slice CT Scanner. Further, the current CT scanner will resume operations at Sentara Kitty Hawk Advanced Imaging Center in North Carolina once the safety repairs and renovation to the current CT room have been completed (resulting from a leak in the roof), 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,

  
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Re: No Review Request for Sentara Kitty Hawk Advanced Imaging Center to Temporarily Use an Out-of-State Mobile CT scanner During Unexpected Downtime

Dear Martha,

The purpose of this letter is to request Sentara Kitty Hawk ("SKH") be permitted to utilize an out-of-state, but Sentara Healthcare operated CT Scanner for one day a week during an unexpected downtime that is required for safety repairs to the current CT room. The CT imaging suite has experienced a large leak in the roof which has resulted in water constantly seeping into the room. The CT suite has been shut down for patient safety due to the possibility of air quality issues as well as damage to the machine. No CT service is currently available to patients at SKH until the roof is repaired and room renovations are completed to correct for the damage. The expected repair date is unknown at this time, but contractors are engaged.

SKH operates a single Siemens Somatom Definition AS 64 Slice CT scanner (SN 81009155370) to support an outpatient imaging center with an urgent care office and requests use of the temporary unit to continue effective patient care. The unit will be brought into the state once weekly to provide services and removed completely from the state when the SKH CT scanner's room is repaired and safely functioning.

This letter serves as written notice of the equipment replacement in accordance with NCGS 131 E-184. As the temporary unit, a GE Lightspeed 16 Slice (SN 1063330), is owned and operated by Sentara Healthcare this does not create any payment or lease issues.

Based on the information provided, SKH requests that the Agency provide a written response confirming that SKH may operate the temporary mobile scanner without CON review. If the agency needs additional information, please let us know as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read 'Heidi Ambrose'.

Heidi Ambrose  
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