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VIA EMAIL ONLY

April 16, 2020

David French
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RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Record #: 3256
Business Name: Alliance Healthcare Services, Inc.
Business #: 60
Project Description: Temporary use of a mobile MRI scanner to serve COVID-19 patients at UNC Hospitals Imaging and Spine Center in Chapel Hill
County: Orange

Dear Mr. French:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that based on your letter of April 10, 2020, the above referenced proposal is consistent with Executive Order 130. Therefore, you may proceed to utilize the mobile MRI scanner to serve COVID-19 patients at UNC Hospitals Imaging and Spine Center in Chapel Hill. This determination is based on your understanding that the temporary mobile MRI scanner will be used to meet the needs of COVID-19 patients during the State of Emergency and will be removed from the State upon notification by UNC Hospitals that the equipment is no longer needed to meet the needs of COVID-19 patients or 30-days after the State of Emergency is ended, whichever is sooner.

Moreover, you need to contact the Agency's Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section to determine if they have any requirements for the proposal.

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,

[Handwritten signature of Michael J. McKillip]

Michael J. McKillip
Project Analyst

[Handwritten signature of Martha J. Frisone]

Martha J. Frisone
Chief

cc: Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR
Mark Payne, Director, DHSR

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ALLIANCE HEALTHCARE SERVICES

April 10, 2020

Mr. Mike McKillip, CON Analyst
Ms. Martha Frisone, Chief
Health Care Planning and Certificate of Need Section
2704 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

RE: Alliance Healthcare Services Inc. – Written Notice for Temporary Use of MRI Scanner Dedicated to Covid-19 Patients at UNC Hospital Imaging and Spine Center Located at 1350 Raleigh Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Dear Ms. Frisone and Mr. McKillip:

Alliance Healthcare Services intends to bring a mobile MRI scanner (Siemens, Symphony 72) into North Carolina to be utilized under a short-term services agreement at UNC Hospital Imaging and Spine Center located at 1350 Raleigh Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. This Alliance MRI scanner will be utilized for performing imaging procedures for suspected and/or confirmed Covid 19 patients during the State of Emergency in accordance with Executive Orders 116 and 130. Please also see the attached letter of certification from UNC Hospitals.

Having a Covid -19 dedicated MRI scanner on a temporary basis at UNC Imaging and Spine Center will help ensure access to diagnostic services for patients and support optimal infection control. This additional MRI scanner is needed due to the extended time needed to thoroughly clean the MRI scanner between patients. UNC Hospital Imaging and Spine Center has an existing mobile pad and utilities to accommodate the mobile MRI scanner. The mobile pad will be inspected by the UNC Hospital staff in preparation for the use of the mobile MRI unit. The temporary mobile MRI scanner will be utilized during the State of Emergency with an additional 30 day grace period.

Alliance believes the Executive Order 130 specifically supports the temporary use of the Alliance MRI scanner at UNC Hospital and does not represent a new institutional health services which would not be subject to CON review. The Siemens Symphony 72 MRI scanner will be removed from North Carolina when notified by UNC Hospitals that it is no longer needed to serve Covid-19 patients.

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me at 336 432-8308.

Sincerely,



David French
Consultant to Alliance Healthcare Services
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Cc Elizabeth Runyon, UNC Health Care
Kevin Smith, Alliance Healthcare Services
Cale Arnold, Alliance Healthcare Services



April 10, 2020

Mr. Mike McKillip, CON Analyst
Ms. Martha Frisone, Chief
Health Care Planning and Certificate of Need Section
2704 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-2704

RE: Certification for Temporary Use of Alliance MRI Scanner Dedicated to Covid -19 Patients at
UNC Hospital Imaging and Spine Center

Dear Mr. McKillip and Ms. Frisone:

UNC Hospitals fully supports the written request by Alliance Healthcare Services to obtain a mobile MRI scanner be utilized under a short-term services agreement at UNC Hospital Imaging and Spine Center located at 350 Raleigh Rd, Chapel Hill, NC 27517.

Please accept this letter as certification that

- a) The request is necessary for the public health and safety in the geographic service area served;
- b) The physical facilities to be used are adequate to safeguard the health and safety of the clients; and
- c) The clients will receive appropriate care and their safety will be safeguarded.

Thank you for your prompt consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Todd Smiley".

Director of Imaging Services
UNC Health Care
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