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VIA EMAIL ONLY

May 8, 2024

Tina Hair Hinshaw  
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**Exempt from Review – Replacement Equipment**

**Record #:** 4442  
**Date of Request:** April 30, 2024  
**Business Name:** Alliance Healthcare Services, Inc.  
**Business #:** 60  
**Project Description:** Replace mobile PET scanner  
**County:**

Dear Tina Hair Hinshaw:

The Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need Section, Division of Health Service Regulation (Agency), determined that the above referenced project is exempt from certificate of need review in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(a)(7). Therefore, you may proceed to acquire without a certificate of need the Siemens Biograph Vision 64-slice PETCT scanner to replace the Siemens Biograph Horizons PETCT scanner. This determination is based on your representations that the existing unit will be sold or otherwise disposed of and will not be used again in the State without first obtaining a certificate of need if one is required.

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,

Chalice L. Moore  
Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell  
Chief

cc: Acute and Home Care Licensure and Certification Section, DHSR  
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April 30, 2024

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

RE: Akumin-Alliance Healthcare Services - Written Notice for Exemption from CON Review for Permanent Replacement of Mobile PETCT Scanner PETCT 222 (G-12156-21)

Dear Ms. Mitchell and Mr. McKillip:

I am writing on behalf of Alliance Healthcare Services ("Alliance") regarding the need to replace mobile PET scanner PETCT222 because improved technology is available. PETCT222 is an existing CON approved unit that was properly reported in the 2023 Equipment Inventory Form.

To optimize routes and host site needs, mobile PETCT 222 (G-12156-21) will be removed from North Carolina and will be replaced by mobile PETCT PER8742 on or about May 13,2024. The replacement mobile PETCT unit, PER8742, will be brought into North Carolina as the permanent replacement.

This letter provides justification and written notice regarding the replacement equipment in accordance with NCGS 131 E-184. Alliance Healthcare Services also provides documentation that the replacement equipment conforms to the Certificate of Need laws and Administrative rules: G.S. 131E-184 (a) (7) Exemptions from review to provide replacement equipment 10A NCAC 14C.0303 Replacement Equipment Administrative Rules

### **Overview**

The existing mobile PETCT scanner, PETCT 222 (G-12156-21), currently serves the following host sites:

Northern Hospital of Surry County  
830 Rockford St  
Mt. Airy, NC 27030

Wayne Memorial Hospital  
2700 Wayne Memorial Dr  
Goldsboro, NC 27534

Johnston Health  
509 N. Bright Leaf Blvd  
Smithfield, NC 27577

Lifepoint – Maria Parham  
556 Ruin Creek Rd  
Henderson, NC 27536

Lexington Medical Center  
250 Hospital Drive  
Lexington NC 27292

Atrium Health Stanly  
301 Yadkin St  
Albemarle, NC 28002



American Healthcare Randolph Hospital  
 364 White Oak St  
 Asheboro, NC 27203

**Compliance Documentation**

Compliance with G.S. 131E-176 (22a) Replacement Equipment Definition is evident because the Fair Market Value of the replacement PETCT Scanner is \$1,752,300.

The replacement PETCT equipment will be used for the same diagnostic purposes as the existing equipment. In addition, Alliance is providing prior written notice to the Department in accordance with G.S. 131E-184 (a) (7) Exemption from Review to provide replacement equipment.

Alliance Healthcare Services confirms that PER8742 meets the definition of “currently in use” because this PETCT scanner provided thousands of procedures at the above listed host site throughout the previous year. The replacement PETCT scanner is improved yet comparable to the equipment being replaced because the replacement equipment will be used to acquire the same types of PETCT images and data. Alliance Healthcare Services certifies that the replacement mobile PETCT equipment will be used for the same diagnostic purposes as the existing PETCT unit.

Please see the attached Equipment Comparison Form:

<b>PETCT CON Equipment Comparison</b>		
	<b>Existing Equipment</b>	<b>Permanent Replacement Equipment</b>
<b>Type of Equipment</b>	PETCT	PETCT
<b>Manufacturer of Equipment</b>	Siemens	Siemens
<b>Model</b>	Biograph Horizon 16-slice	Biograph Vision 64-slice
<b>Provider's Method of Identifying Equipment</b>	PETCT222	PER8742
<b>Specify if Mobile or Fixed</b>	Mobile	Mobile
<b>Mobile Trailer Serial Number/VIN#</b>	6153	10224
<b>Date of Acquisition of Each Component</b>	2022	2024
<b>Hold Title or Lease</b>	Hold Title	Lease
<b>Specify if Equipment Was/Is New or Used When Acquired</b>	New	New
<b>Total Capital Cost of Project (no construction involved)</b>	NA	NA
<b>Total Cost of Equipment</b>	\$1,136,297	\$1,752,300
<b>Fair Market Value of Equipment</b>	NA	NA
<b>Net Purchase Price of Equipment</b>	NA	NA
<b>Locations When Operated</b>		
<b>Number Days In Use/To Be Used in NC per Year</b>	up to 365	up to 365
<b>Percent of Change in Patient Charges (by procedure)</b>	NA	NA

<b>Percent of Change in Per Procedure Operating Expenses (by Procedure)</b>	NA	NA
<b>Type of Procedures Currently Performed on Existing Equipment</b>	PETCT	PETCT
<b>Type of Procedures New Equipment is Capable of Performing</b>	PETCT	PETCT

Thank you for your review and consideration of this information. Please call me at 805.325.3078 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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**Date:** Tuesday, April 30, 2024 10:28:10 AM  
**Attachments:** [G12156-21\\_PETCT222\\_Permanent Replacement with PER8742\\_April 2024.pdf](#)

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Hi Tiffany,

This is a replacement equipment exemption request. You can give it to Chalice and I will help her with it. Thanks.

Mike

**Michael McKillip**

Team Leader, Certificate of Need  
Division of Health Service Regulation, Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need  
[NC Department of Health and Human Services](#)

Office: 919-855-3877 (I am in the office on Wednesday and Friday, and can best be reached by email on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.)  
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Mike and Micheala,

Attached is notification that Akumin is replacing PETCT 222 with PETCT PER8742. Please acknowledge receipt. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Thank you.

Tina

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