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VIA EMAIL ONLY

September 6, 2024

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

**Record #:** 4546  
**Date of Request:** August 20, 2024  
**Business Name:** Alliance Healthcare Service, Inc.  
**Business #:** 60  
**Project Description:** Replace a mobile MRI scanner  
**County:** Wake

Dear Tina 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 mobile MRI scanner (ESP65) to replace the mobile MRI scanner (Aera 25). 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,

Crystal Kearney  
Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell  
Chief

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August 20, 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: Alliance Healthcare Services - Written Notice for Exemption from CON Review for the Transition of Legacy CON from Alliance Aera 25 to Alliance ESP65

Dear Mr. McKillip and Ms. Mitchell:

As of June 1, 2024, the Alliance Aera 25 asset began operating under the Duke Certificate of Need at its Duke Heritage location (3000 Rogers Road, Wake Forest, NC 27587). With this transition, the Alliance legacy CON formerly assigned to Aera 25 will be reassigned to Alliance asset-ESP 65.

Alliance asset ESP65 is a mobile Siemens Espree 1.5T MRI with serial number 30004. This asset will operate under the Alliance Legacy CON at:

Southeastern Sports Medicine  
21 Turtle Creek Drive  
Asheville, NC 28803

St. Luke's Hospital  
101 Hospital Drive  
Columbus, NC 28722

DRI - Greensboro Imaging  
315 W. Wendover Ave  
Greensboro, NC 27408

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tina Hair Hinshaw". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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CC: Rodney Skelding, Manager of Operations Alliance Healthcare Services/Alliance Radiology/Akumin

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**To:** [Stancil, Tiffany C](#)  
**Cc:** [Mitchell, Micheala L](#); [Kearney, Crystal](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Legacy CON transition to another asset  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 20, 2024 1:16:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [AR\\_NCCON\\_Aera\\_25\\_Legacy\\_CON\\_move\\_to\\_ESP65.pdf](#)

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Hi Tiffany,

This is a replacement equipment exemption letter request which can be assigned to Crystal. Thanks.

Crystal, the wording is a little odd, but it appears they are replacing one “grandfathered” mobile MRI scanner with another mobile MRI scanner because the grandfathered mobile MRI scanner is being transferred full-time to the Duke Heritage facility in Wake Forest pursuant to Duke’s CON.

Mike

**Michael McKillip**

Team Leader, Certificate of Need  
Division of Health Service Regulation, Healthcare Planning and Certificate of Need  
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The Legacy CON previously assigned to Alliance Aera 25 will now be utilized on ESP65. Aera 25 began operating under Duke's CON on 6/1.

Please see formal notification. If you have any questions, please give me a call.

Tina

**Tina Hinshaw**  
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