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VIA EMAIL ONLY

December 16, 2025

Tina Hair Hinshaw

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Exempt from Review – Replacement Equipment

Record #: 5027
Date of Request: December 4, 2025
Business Name: Alliance Healthcare Services, Inc.
Business #: 60
Project Description: Replace a mobile MRI scanner
County: Mecklenburg

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 VIATO 401 mobile MRI scanner to replace the ESP 21 mobile MRI 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

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December 4, 2025

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

Business Name: Alliance Healthcare Services CORRECTION
Business Number: 60
CON#: Legacy
ESP 21 Serial # 30707
VIATO 401 Serial # 239083

RE: Alliance Healthcare Services - Written Notice for Exemption from CON Review for the **Permanent Replacement of MRI Scanner ESP 21 (Legacy) by VIATO 401.**

Dear Mr. McKillip and Ms. Mitchell:

I am writing regarding the permanent replacement of MRI scanner ESP21 by VIATO 401. As of November 20, 2025, Alliance has elected not to renew its contract with the facility where ESP21 (Legacy) was installed. ESP21 has been idled and is no longer in use as of 11/21/2025. The legacy CON attached to ESP21 has been placed permanently on VIATO 401, which will be brought into the state from Alliance's fleet in early January 2026. Please accept this notice of exemption to permanently replace ESP21 (legacy) with VIATO 401 which is a mobile MRI scanner owned by Alliance and will be utilized as the permanent replacement MRI for ESP21. ESP21 has been idled and will not be used again in the State without first obtaining a certificate of need if one is required.

This Legacy CON is now fulfilled by Alliance MRI VIATO 401 which is a scanner that will be properly reported in the 2026 NC MRI Equipment Inventory. VIATO 401 will be serving the following host site:

Atrium Health Steele Creek
13650 Steelescroft Parkway
Charlotte, NC 28278

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 equipment conforms to the Certificate of Need Laws and Administrative rules: GS 131E-184(a) (7) Exemptions from review to provide replacement equipment 10A NCAC 14C.0303 Replacement Equipment Administrative Rules.

Compliance Documentation

Compliance with G.S. 131E-176 (22a) Replacement Equipment Definition is evident because the replacement scanner has a fair market value of \$995,000 which is far less than the \$2,000,000 threshold. The replacement MRI equipment will be used for the same diagnostic purposes as the existing equipment. In addition, Alliance is providing written notice to the Department in accordance with G.S. 131E-184 (a) (7) Exemption from Review to provide replacement equipment.



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Plantation, FL 33322

The existing equipment, ESP21, will be permanently replaced by Viato 401. ESP21 has been removed from use in NC. Thank you for your review and consideration of this information. Please call me at 805.325.3078 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tina Hair Hinshaw, MBA
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David Joslin, Director of Operations, Akumin

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Date: Tuesday, December 2, 2025 4:15:30 PM
Attachments: [AR_NCCON_ESP23 Permanent Replacement of ESP21_11202025.pdf](#)
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Tiffany would you mind logging this and assigning it to Chalice?

Thanks,

Micheala Mitchell, JD

(she/her/hers)

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Ms. Mitchell and Mr. McKillip,

Attached is a notice of exception to permanently replace ESP21 (Legacy CON) with ESP23.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Tina

Tina Hair Hinshaw

RVP Mobile Operations, Southeast

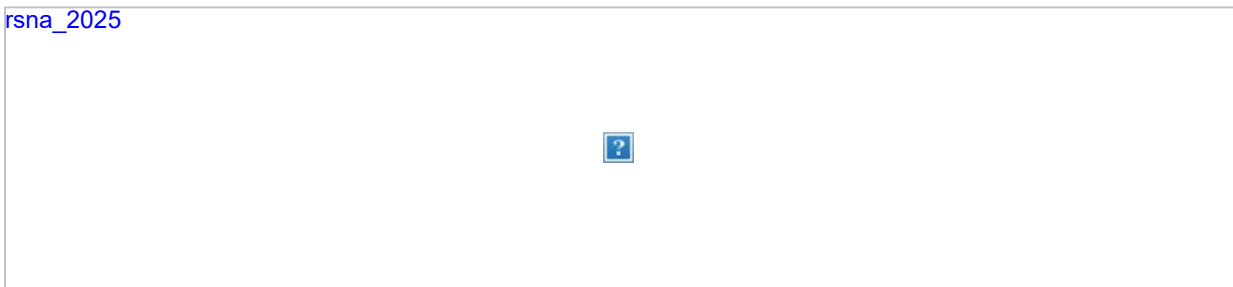
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