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VIA EMAIL ONLY

January 20, 2026

David Joslin

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Exempt from Review – Replacement Equipment

Record #: 5062
Date of Request: January 14, 2026
Business Name: Alliance Healthcare Services
Business #: 60
Project Description: Temporarily replace a mobile MRI scanner
County: Wake

Dear David Joslin:

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 SIGNA 96 (Serial #1JJV482W0YL515091) mobile MRI scanner to replace the SIGNA 89 (Serial #1S9FA4826X1182304) 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,

Crystal Kearney
Project Analyst

Micheala Mitchell
Chief

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January 14, 2026

To: Mr. Mike McKillip, CON Analyst
Ms. Micheala Mitchell, Chief
Health Planning and Certificate of Need Section
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Business Name: Alliance Healthcare Services
Business Number: 60
SIGNA 89 Serial #1S9FA4826X1182304 GE Signa
SIGNA 96 Serial #1JJV482W0YL515091 GE Signa

REF Alliance Healthcare Services (aka Akumin) - Written Notice for Exemption from CON Review for the
Temporary Replacement of Signa 89

Dear Mr. McKillip and Ms. Mitchell:

I am writing regarding the need to temporarily replace MRI scanner Signa 89 such that maintenance and repairs can be completed. Please accept this notice of exemption to temporarily replace Signa 89 with Signa 96, which is an existing mobile MRI scanner owned by Akumin and will be utilized as the interim temporary MRI for this scanner. This temporary change became effective January 7, 2026. When Signa 96 is no longer needed to serve as a temporary replacement for Signa 89, it will be removed from North Carolina.

The Akumin MRI Signa 89 operates under a Legacy CON and is a scanner that has properly been reported in the 2025 NC MRI Equipment Inventory and serves four locations:

Wake Forest Baptist
861 Old Winston Road
Kernersville, NC 27284

Raleigh Radiology
505 Oberlin Road
Raleigh, NC 27605



Raleigh Radiology
11640 Northpark Drive, Ste 110
Wake Forest, NC 27587

Wake Forest Baptist
265 Executive Park Blvd
Winston-Salem, NC 27103

This letter provides justification and written notice regarding the replacement equipment in accordance with NCGS 131 E-184. Akumin 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 temporary replacement scanner has a fair market value of \$400,000 which is 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, Akumin is providing written notice to the Department in accordance with G.S. 131E-184(a)(7) Exemption from Review to Provide Replacement Equipment.

Applicability and Conformance with Administrative Rule 10A NCAC 14C.0303 Replacement Equipment, Akumin plans to use an existing mobile MRI as a temporary replacement. No equipment will be purchased. The temporary replacement equipment conforms to the rules as follows:

10A NCAC 14C.0303 Replacement Equipment

(a) This rule defines the terms used in the definition of “replacement equipment” set forth in G.S. 131E-176(22a).

Akumin has reviewed this rule definition

(b) “Currently in Use” means the equipment to be replaced has been used by the person requesting the exemption at least 10 times to provide a health service during the 12 months prior to the date the written notice required by G.S. 131E-184(a) is submitted to the CON Section.

Akumin confirms that Signa 96 meets the definition of “currently in use” because the MRI scanner provides service during the previous 12 months prior to the date of this written notice.

(c) Replacement equipment is not “comparable” if: (1) the replacement equipment to be acquired is capable of providing health service that the equipment to be replaced cannot provide; or (2) the equipment to be replaced was acquired less than 12 months prior to the date the written notice required by G.S. 131E-184(a) is submitted to the CON Section and it was refurbished or reconditioned when it was acquired by the person requesting the



exemption.

The replacement MRI scanner is comparable to the equipment being replaced because the temporary replacement equipment will be used to acquire the same types of MRI images and data. Akumin certifies that the replacement will be used for the same diagnostic purposes as the existing MRI unit.

The existing equipment, Signa 89, will be temporarily replaced by Signa 96, which will be removed from North Carolina once repairs to Signa 89 are completed. The temporary use of replacement Signa 96 will be discontinued in approximately three weeks (January 28, 2026) when the repair of Signa 89 has been completed.

Thank you for your review and consideration. Please call me at 520-333-8805 or email me at david.joslin@akumin.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David A. Joslin
Director of Operations, Southeast Region

CC: Rodney Skelding, Manager of Operations, Akumin
Courtney Klefstad, Regional Vice President, Akumin

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Tiffany,

Would you mind logging this exemption and assigning it to Crystal?

Thanks,

Micheala

Micheala Mitchell, JD

(she/her/hers)

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Ms. Mitchell and Mr. McKillip,

Attached is a notice of exception to temporarily replace SIGNA 89 (Legacy CON) with SIGNA96.

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

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Director of Operations

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