

Charge to the SHCC 2021-2022 Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Scanner Methodology Workgroup

The Acting Chair of the State Health Coordinating Council has appointed a workgroup to examine the MRI Methodology with the following charge:

1. Review the current MRI methodology and assess its appropriateness for determining need in all areas of the state. Activities should include:
 - a. Lessons learned from petitions for MRIs submitted to DHSR in the past 10 years.
 - b. Gather input from constituencies to understand how the current methodology is working and to identify potential problems.
 - c. Review each variable in the need methodology formula and consider whether changes are warranted.
 - d. Examine additional available data to consider whether to include other factors in a revision.
 - e. Consider both mobile and fixed scanners in the review and analysis.
 - f. Consider how or whether advancements in MRI technology may influence the methodology
2. If the workgroup finds that changes in the methodology are needed, prepare recommendations to the Technology and Equipment Committee of the SHCC for their deliberations in Spring, 2022, for possible inclusion in the 2023 SMFP.