

PROPOSED 2023 SMFP

Policy TE-3: Plan Exemption for Fixed Magnetic Resonance Imaging Scanners

The applicant proposing to acquire a fixed magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scanner shall demonstrate in its certificate of need (CON) application that it is a licensed North Carolina acute care hospital:

1. that has licensed acute care beds;
2. that provides emergency care coverage 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and
3. for which the inventory in the SMFP does not reflect an existing or approved fixed MRI scanner in the five years immediately preceding the filing of the CON application for the proposed scanner.

The applicant shall demonstrate that the proposed fixed MRI scanner will perform at least 850 weighted MRI procedures during the third full operating year.

The performance standards in 10A NCAC 14C .2703 would not be applicable.

The fixed MRI scanner must be located either:

1. on the main campus of the hospital as defined in G.S. 131E-176(14n); or
2. at another acute care hospital on a campus that operates under the hospital's license.

The proposed scanner may operate as part of the hospital, a diagnostic center, or an independent diagnostic testing facility (IDTF) location that does not currently provide fixed MRI services.

REVISED VERSION

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The proposed fixed MRI scanner:

1. must be located on the main campus of the hospital as defined in G.S. § 131E-176(14n); or
2. must be located at another acute care hospital on a campus that operates under the main hospital's license.

The proposed fixed MRI scanner cannot be located at a site where the inventory in the SMFP reflects that there is an existing or approved fixed MRI scanner in the five years immediately preceding the filing of the CON application.

The proposed scanner may operate as part of the hospital, a diagnostic center, or an independent diagnostic testing facility (IDTF) location that does not currently provide fixed MRI services.