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Re: Comments on Technology and Equipment Related Petitions and Comments

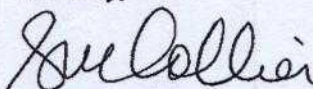
Dear Ms. McClanahan and Ms. Potter:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Technology and Equipment related petitions and comments. Below are comments on behalf of University Health Systems of Eastern Carolina (UHS).

1. UHS supports the comments submitted by Carolinas Healthcare System, Charlotte Radiology, Duke University Health System, UNC Hospitals, Wake Forest University Baptist Hospital, and the NC Hospital Association regarding the statement in the 2010 SMFP that reads, "There is no need for any additional mobile MRI scanners anywhere in the state." Existing providers can adequately meet the demand for MRI services as evidenced by data provided by NCHA.
2. UHS supports the comments submitted by Carolinas Healthcare System and Charlotte Radiology regarding developing a single methodology for both fixed and mobile MRIs. The number and distribution of fixed MRI scanners across the State validate the need for the adjusted methodology.
3. UHS does not support adjusting the proposed mobile PET service area from two areas (HSA I, II, III and HSA IV, V, IV) to one statewide service area. UHS believes the current service area definition proposed in the 2010 Draft SMFP meets the unique needs of the western and eastern regions of the state.

UHS appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments. Please feel free to contact me at 252-847-2222 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,



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