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North Carolina Division of Health Service Regulation
Healthcare Planning
2704 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-2714

Attn: Technology & Equipment Committee

Dear Dr. Ullrich and Members of the Committee:

A petition has been filed by the J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital for an adjustment to the need determination for fixed MRI scanners in Brunswick County. NCHA supports a hospital's petition for a need adjustment for MRI when the following occurs.

- The licensed hospital submits a special need determination for a fixed MRI to the Medical Facilities Planning Branch by 5:00 p.m. on July 29, 2015.
- The licensed hospital operates an Emergency Department 24 hours per day and 7 days per week.
- The licensed hospital does not currently own an onsite fixed MRI scanner, and proposes to meet the need by filing a Certificate of Need application for one should need be established.
- The licensed hospital has the resources to acquire a fixed MRI and to operate a financially feasible service.
- The licensed hospital's proposal is not opposed by another licensed hospital/health system within the service area.

We believe the petition filed by J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital meets these criteria, and offer our support for its approval.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mike Vicario,
NCHA Vice President of Regulatory Affairs