

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
Office of Health Care Access

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Re: Advanced Medical Imaging, LLC
Certificate of Need Determination Request
Report Number: 10-31600-DTR
Acquisition of an Extremity MRI Scanner in Avon, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Capobianco and Dr. Griffin:

On April 23, 2010, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received your Certificate of Need ("CON") Determination request on behalf of Advanced Medical Imaging, LLC ("Petitioner") requesting the acquisition of a 1.0 tesla-strength extremity magnetic resonance imaging ("MRI") scanner for the Petitioner's office located at 54 West Avon Road in Avon, Connecticut.

Please be advised that OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

1. Advanced Medical Imaging, LLC ("Petitioner"), a joint venture partnership between Charlotte Hungerford Hospital and Torrington Radiologists, PC, provides radiological services in free-standing imaging centers in northwestern Connecticut.
2. In 2009, Torrington Radiologists, PC, opened a satellite office located at 54 West Avon Road in Avon Connecticut. The office provides general radiography, ultrasound and bone densitometry services to practicing physicians in the Dale Road area of Avon.
3. The Petitioner is proposing to acquire an 1.0 tesla-strength extremity magnetic resonance imaging ("MRI") scanner for the Avon office.
4. The total capital expenditure associated with the proposed acquisition of the extremity MRI scanner is \$341,000.

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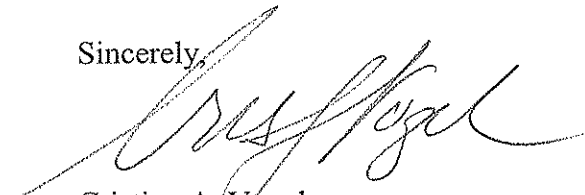
5. The Petitioner contends that the proposed extremity MRI scanner will provide faster turn-around MRI imaging of the general patient population as well as accommodate claustrophobic patients associated with area primary care physician practices and orthopedic groups located adjacent to the Avon office.
6. The Petitioner did not provide a final or draft version of the vendor contract for the proposed extremity MRI scanner.
7. Pursuant to Section 19a-639 of the Connecticut General Statutes ("C.G.S."),

"Certificate of Need. Request for approval to purchase, lease or accept donation of a CT scanner, PET scanner, PET/CT scanner or MRI scanner, cineangiography equipment, a linear accelerator or other similar equipment utilizing technology that is new or being introduced into this state, including the purchase, lease or donation of equipment or a facility, shall submit a request for approval of such expenditure to the office..."

Based on the above facts, OHCA determines that pursuant to 19a-639 C.G.S., the Petitioner is required to file a Letter of Intent and a Certificate of Need application with OHCA for the acquisition of the proposed extremity MRI scanner.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Jack A. Huber at (860) 418-7034.

Sincerely,



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Deputy Commissioner

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