

Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to Section 22215 of Public Act 306 of 1969, as amended, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) will hold a hearing on Certificate of Need (CON) Review Standards.

Date: Wednesday, April 24, 2013
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Capitol View Building
201 Townsend Street, 1st floor
MDCH Conference Center Room B & C
Lansing, MI 48913



Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Services

The proposed CON Review Standards for MRI Services are being reviewed and modified to include the following:

1. Section 2: Definitions have been modified and/or moved to applicable section.
2. Section 4: Clarified replace and upgrade definitions. Added a new definition for “repair an existing MRI unit.” This is to allow components of an MRI unit to be repaired if under a service/maintenance agreement.
 - Under subsection (3), added a one-time replacement of an existing MRI unit that is below 1 tesla with an MRI unit that is a 1 tesla or higher outside of volume requirements.
 - Under subsection (4), added requirements to allow replacement of an existing mobile MRI host site to a new location similar to other CON standards.
3. Section 7: Modified for consistency with other CON review standards in that the applicant agrees that the dedicated research MRI unit will be used primarily (70% or more of the procedures) for research purposes only.
4. Section 11: Added requirements similar to intraoperative MRI (IMRI) to initiate, replace, or acquire an MRI simulator that will not be used solely for MRT treatment planning purposes.
5. Section 14: Divided requirements into distinct groups consistent with other standards: quality assurance, access to care, and monitoring and reporting.
 - Under subsection (2)(d)(i)(D), revised to align with the “American College of Radiology (ACR) Practice Guideline for Performing and Interpreting Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)” language on MRI accreditation to ensure consistency with national standards.
 - Under subsection (4)(b), added reporting requirement for MRI simulators approved under Section 11.
6. Section 15: Increased the base value for functional MRI (fMRI) procedures, MRI-guided interventions, and cardiac MRI procedures. Added definitions for these procedures too.
7. Other technical edits.



Oral or written comments may be presented in person at the hearing on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, or submitted in writing via online submission at:

http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,4612,7-132-2945_5106_5409_29279-147062--,00.html,

no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 1, 2013. If your comment is in written form, please provide a copy of your testimony. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tania Rodriguez at 517-335-6708.

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The hearing location is accessible for persons with physical disability. Interpreters will be available for the hearing impaired, if requested, seven days in advance.