

MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING (MRI) SERVICES

INFORMAL WORKGROUP CHARGE

Approved by the Certificate of Need (CON) Commission Chairperson as Delegated by the CON Commission on January 28, 2021

The MRI Informal Workgroup is charged to review and recommend any necessary changes to the MRI Services CON Standards regarding the following:

1. Review all volume requirements for fixed and mobile MRI.
2. Review access to fixed MRI for hospitals with 24/7 emergency departments to allow for initiating its first MRI without volume requirements like Computed Tomography (CT) Scanner Services.
3. Review the current limit of \$750,000 for upgrades within 24 months [Section 4(1) of the standards.]
4. Review the current equivalent weighting for patient sedation/general anesthesia in Section 15(1)(a).
5. Review adding in language that allows providers to initiate service at a lower volume of available MRI adjusted procedures needed if the application is utilizing an MRI list where the report period is impacted by a public health epidemic.
6. Consider the electronic review of imaging and transfer of records.
7. Review adding American College of Radiology (ACR) accreditation in Section 14(2)(d)(i)(D) of the standards instead of just complying with the practice parameter.
8. Review of physician commitment letters and whether they should be kept, retained, or modified.
9. Review the addition of a mobile service to a fixed site without physician commitment letters.
10. Review adding language related to portable MRI units.
11. Consider any other technical changes from the Department, e.g., updates or modifications consistent with other CON review standards and the Michigan Public Health Code.

In its deliberations of the above-mentioned charges, the Informal Workgroup shall consider and report on how each recommendation addresses healthcare cost, quality and/or access in Michigan.