

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIAGNOSTIC FACILITIES APPLICATIONS – ANNUAL REPORT

APRIL 1, 2015 – MARCH 31, 2016

Explanatory Notes

The following terms are used throughout this Annual Report:

1. “Facilities Applications”: each request for approval, regardless of how many application forms are used, is counted and assessed independently by the Advisory Committee on Diagnostic Facilities (the Committee). For example, a facility can apply for Physical Expansion of an Existing Diagnostic Facility; New/Replacement Equipment; and, Addition of a Service (to an existing Certificate of Approval) on one physical application form; however, the Committee will assess and count these as three separate applications.
2. “Recommendations for Denial”: are recommendations to the Medical Services Commission (the Commission) by the Committee. The Committee does not have the authority to deny an application directly but instead makes recommendations for denial to the Commission, which makes the final determination (either accepting or overturning the recommendation for denial).
3. “Deferred” applications refer to: (1) an application where decision has been deferred to the Commission; generally this is because the application fell outside the Committee’s policy scope (e.g. did not meet Committee approval prerequisites).
4. Items under the “For Notification” heading signify that facilities do not need to apply for these changes to occur; however facilities still need to notify the Committee. These provisions are in place to ensure that both the Committee and Commission are aware of and assess changes in the supply of diagnostic service benefits in a timely manner and ensure that beneficiaries have reasonable access to diagnostic service benefits. An example would be ceasing facility operation, where an owner must inform the Committee at least 60 days prior to ceasing operations.
5. Under the “Breakdown of Applications by Ownership Type” heading, “vested interest facilities” are defined as:
 - Vested (or Vested Interest) – any diagnostic facility for which:
 - 1) The ownership includes practitioners who refer patients to the facility, or;
 - 2) Physicians referring patients to the facility receive material benefit from such referral.
 - Private/Vested – any diagnostic facility:
 - 1) that is partly owned by physicians who carry out diagnostic tests on their own patients, and partly owned and perhaps managed by a separate private facility company.

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TOTAL APPLICATIONS: 69

LABORATORY MEDICINE

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
New Certificate of Approval	1	1		
Addition of Service	1	1		
Total Applications	2	2		

ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
Applications to Transfer Interest	2	2		
Total Applications	2	2		

SPECIMEN COLLECTION STATIONS

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
Relocation of an existing Certificate of Approval	5	5		
Total Applications	5	5		

RADIOLOGY

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
New Certificate of Approval	2	1	1	
Physical Expansion of an Existing Diagnostic Facility	1	1		
New/Replacement Equipment	1	1		
Relocation of an existing Certificate of Approval	1	1		
Relocation with an expansion of services	6	6		
Applications to Extend Approval	2	2		
Applications to Renew	1	1		
Total Applications	14	13	1	

ULTRASOUND

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
New Certificate of Approval	3	0	1	2
Change in Capacity of an Existing Diagnostic Facility	2	2		
Addition of Service	3	3		
Relocation of an existing Certificate of Approval	2	2		
Remote site status/Telemetry	4	4		
Applications to Renew	8	8		
Total Applications	22	19	1	2

PULMONARY FUNCTION

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
New Certificate of Approval	2	2		
Physical Expansion of an Existing Diagnostic Facility	1	1		
Addition of Service	2	2		
New/Replacement Equipment	1	1		
Total Applications	6	6		

ELECTROMYOGRAPHY

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
New Certificate of Approval	10	10		
Relocation of an existing Certificate of Approval	1	1		
Total Applications	11	11		

POLYSOMNOGRAPHY

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
New Certificate of Approval	6	1	4	1
Relocation of an existing Certificate of Approval	1	1		
Total Applications	7	2	4	1

BREAKDOWN OF APPLICATIONS BY OWNERSHIP TYPE

PUBLIC FACILITIES

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
LABORATORY MEDICINE	1	1		
RADIOLOGY	3	3		
ULTRASOUND	17	17		
PULMONARY FUNCTION	3	3		
ELECTROMYOGRAPHY	1	1		
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	25	25		

PRIVATELY-OWNED FACILITIES

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
LABORATORY MEDICINE	1	1		
SPECIMEN COLLECTION STATION	5	5		
ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY	2	2		
RADIOLOGY	11	10	1	
ULTRASOUND	5	2	1	2
PULMONARY FUNCTION	3	3		
ELECTROMYOGRAPHY	10	10		
POLYSOMNOGRAPHY	7	2	4	1
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	44	35	6	3

VESTED INTEREST FACILITIES

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0			

FOR NOTIFICATION

SPECIMEN COLLECTION STATION

	NUMBER	PUBLIC	PRIVATE
Cease Operations	1		1

As a result of the implementation of the *Laboratory Services Act* (LSA), the following applications were transferred to the Laboratory Services on October 1, 2015.

APPLICATIONS TRANSFERRED TO LABORATORY SERVICES

MODALITY	TYPE OF APPLICATION	PUBLIC	PRIVATE
LABORATORY MEDICINE	Relocation of an existing Certificate of Approval		1 ¹
SPECIMEN COLLECTION STATION	Relocation of an existing Certificate of Approval		1 ²
SPECIMEN COLLECTION STATION	New Certificate of Approval		6 ³
	TOTAL		8

¹This application did not meet the Commission’s moratorium exception criterion of demonstrated urgent health or safety needs, or significant, urgent business needs and as such was referred to the Laboratory Services during the implementation of the LSA.

²This application had been deferred as a result of the December 2012 general moratorium on applications for new, expanded or relocated diagnostic outpatient services and subsequent moratorium on applications for laboratory medicine and specimen collection station facilities

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