

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIAGNOSTIC FACILITIES APPLICATIONS – ANNUAL REPORT

APRIL 1, 2017 – MARCH 31, 2018

Explanatory Notes

The following terms are used throughout this Annual Report:

1. “Applications” reviewed: 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, in Form B – “Application for physical expansion of services or significant change of an existing diagnostic facility”, facilities 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. Applications that are “Recommended for Denial” are recommendations to the Medical Services Commission (the Commission) by the Committee. The Committee does not have authority to deny, but instead makes a recommendation for denial to the Commission, which makes the final determination.
3. Applications that are “Denial Upheld by MSC” are decisions on applications where the Commission agreed with the recommendation by the Committee.
4. Applications that are “Referred to MSC” are applications that have been referred to the Medical Services Commission for decision as they fall outside the Committee’s scope.
5. 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 operation where an owner must inform the Committee at least 60 days prior to ceasing operations.

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TOTAL APPLICATIONS: 72

ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY (ECG)

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	DENIAL UPHELD BY MSC	REFERRED TO MSC
New Certificate of Approval	5	3	2	2	
Relocation of an existing Certificate of Approval	3	3			
Significant Change of Approval of an Existing Diagnostic Facility	5	5			
Total Applications	13	11	2	2	

ELECTROMYOGRAPHY (EMG)

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	DENIAL UPHELD BY MSC	REFERRED TO MSC
New Certificate of Approval	8	8			
Total Applications	8	8			

POLYSOMNOGRAPHY

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	DENIAL UPHELD BY MSC	REFERRED TO MSC
New Certificate of Approval	9	2	7	7	
Relocation of an existing	3	3			
Total Applications	12	5	7	7	

PULMONARY FUNCTION

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	DENIAL UPHELD BY MSC	REFERRED TO MSC
New Certificate of Approval	2	2			
Addition of a Service (to an existing Certificate of Approval)	1	1			

Relocation of an existing Certificate of Approval	2	2
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Total Applications	5	5
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RADIOLOGY

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	DENIAL UPHELD BY MSC	REFERRED TO MSC
New Certificate of Approval	5	4	1	1	
Addition of Service	2	2			
Physical Expansion of an Existing Diagnostic Facility	1	1			
New/Replacement Equipment	1	1			
Significant Change in Capacity of an Existing Diagnostic Facility	2	2			
Relocation of an existing Certificate of Approval	2	2			
Total Applications	13	12	1	1	

ULTRASOUND

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	DENIAL UPHELD BY MSC	REFERRED TO MSC
New Certificate of Approval	6	6			
Significant Change in Capacity of an Existing Diagnostic Facility	1	1			
Physical Expansion of an Existing Diagnostic Facility	1	1			
Addition of Service	3	3			
New/Add Equipment	1	1			
Remote site status/Telemetry	6	6			
Relocation of an existing Certificate of Approval	3	3			
Total Applications	21	21			

BREAKDOWN OF APPLICATIONS BY OWNERSHIP TYPE

PUBLIC FACILITIES

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	DENIAL UPHELD BY MSC	REFERRED TO MSC
ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY	1	1			
PULMONARY FUNCTION	1	1			
RADIOLOGY	4	4			
ULTRASOUND	18	18			
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	24	24			

PRIVATELY-OWNED FACILITIES

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	DENIAL UPHELD BY MSC	REFERRED TO MSC
ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY	12	10	2	2	
ELECTROMYOGRAPHY	8	8			
POLYSOMNOGRAPHY	12	5	7	7	
PULMONARY FUNCTION	4	4			
RADIOLOGY	9	8	1	1	
ULTRASOUND	3 ^{1,2}	3			
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	48	38	10	10	

FOR NOTIFICATION

MODALITY	NUMBER	PUBLIC	PRIVATE
NONE	0		

¹ Two applications were previously approved for relocation of an existing ultrasound Certificate of Approval last fiscal, however the facilities applied for a twelve month extension to that approval.

² Facility approved to add Nuchal Translucency services to an existing Certificate of Approval.