

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIAGNOSTIC FACILITIES APPLICATIONS

APRIL 1, 2014 – MARCH 31, 2015

Explanatory Notes

1. Applications reviewed by the Committee are counted and assessed separately based on the number of items a facility applies for. 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) in one physical application form. However, the Committee would assess each of those as separate applications and as such they would be counted as three separate applications for the purpose of this annual summary.
2. Recommendations for Denial are made by the Committee to the Commission. The Committee cannot deny an application itself but instead makes a recommendation for denial to the Commission.
3. Deferred applications indicates that an application has been either referred to the Commission for decision as it is out of the Committee's scope; the application is being deferred for decision at the next Committee meeting; or, the application has been in abeyance due to a moratorium being in effect.
4. Items under “for notification” signify that facilities do not need to apply for these actions to occur, however they still need to notify the Committee. These provisions are in place to ensure the Committee and Commission is aware of, and able to assess changes in the supply of diagnostic services capacity in a timely manner, to help ensure that beneficiaries have reasonable access to diagnostic service benefits.
 - Cease operation – An owner must inform the Committee at least 60 days prior to ceasing operations.
5. Vested interest can be 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: 96

LABORATORY MEDICINE

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDATION FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
Applications – New Facilities	1	1		
Applications to Expand Test Menu	4	4		
Applications to Expand Capacity	1	1		
Applications to Relocate	3	3		
Applications to Consolidate	1	1		
Applications to Downgrade from Lab to Specimen Collection Stations	2	2		
Total Applications	12	12		

SPECIMEN COLLECTION STATIONS

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDATION FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
Applications – New Facilities	7	1		6
Applications to Relocate	4	3		1
Applications to Consolidate	1	1		
Applications to Transfer Capacity	1	1		
Applications to Add Equipment	1	1		
Total Applications	14	7		7*

*These applications have 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.

RADIOLOGY

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDATION FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
Applications – New Facilities	3	1	1	1
Applications to Add New Service	1	1		
Applications to Downgrade Test Menu	2	1	1	
Applications to Extend Approval	1	1		
Applications to Relocate	3	1	2	
Applications to Expand Capacity	3	1	2	
Remote Site Status/Telemetry	2	1		1
Total Applications	15	7	6	2

ULTRASOUND

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDATION FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
Applications – New Facilities	3	2		1
Applications to Add New Service	2	1	1	
Applications to Expand Capacity	2	1	1	
Applications to Relocate	1	1		
Applications to Add Equipment	1		1	
Applications to Expand Physical Space	1		1	
Remote site status/Telemetry	28	27		1
Total Applications	38	32	4	2

PULMONARY FUNCTION

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDATION FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
Applications – New Facilities	2	2		
Applications to Relocate	1	1		
Total Applications	3	3		

ELECTROMYOGRAPHY

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDATION FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
Applications – New Facilities	5	5		
Applications to Relocate	1	1		
Total Applications	6	6		

POLYSOMNOGRAPHY

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDATION FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
Applications – New Facilities	6	1	5	
Applications to Expand Capacity	1	1		
Applications to Add Equipment	1	1		
Total Applications	8	3	5	

BREAKDOWN OF APPLICATIONS BY OWNERSHIP TYPE

PUBLIC FACILITIES

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDATION FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
LAB MED	10	10		
SCS	2	2		
RADIOLOGY	6	4		2
ULTRASOUND	34	32		2
POLYSOMNOGRAPHY	2	2		
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	54	50		4

PRIVATE FACILITIES

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDATION FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
LAB MED	2	2		
SCS	5	5		7
RADIOLOGY	9	3	6	
ULTRASOUND	4		4	
P.F.S.	3	3		
ELECTROMYOGRAPHY	6	6		
POLYSOMNOGRAPHY	6	1	5	
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	42	20	15	7

VESTED INTEREST FACILITIES

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDATION FOR DENIAL	DEFERRED
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	0			

FOR NOTIFICATION

SCS

	NUMBER	PUBLIC	PRIVATE
Cease Operations	2	1	1