

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIAGNOSTIC FACILITIES APPLICATIONS – ANNUAL REPORT

APRIL 1, 2016 – MARCH 31, 2017

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 each of those 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 recommendations for denial to the Commission, which makes the determination.
3. Applications that are “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 will 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: 71

ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY (ECG)

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	UPHELD BY MSC	REFERRED TO MSC
New Certificate of Approval	2	2			
Total Applications	2	2			

ELECTROMYOGRAPHY (EMG)

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	UPHELD BY MSC	REFERRED TO MSC
New Certificate of Approval	10	10			
Relocation of an existing Certificate of Approval	1	1			
Total Applications	11	11			

NUCLEAR MEDICINE

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	UPHELD BY MSC	REFERRED TO MSC
New Certificate of Approval	1	1			
Total Applications	1	1			

POLYSOMNOGRAPHY

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	UPHELD BY MSC	REFERRED TO MSC
New Certificate of Approval	10	4	6	6	
Physical Expansion of an Existing Diagnostic Facility	1	1			
Relocation of an existing Certificate of Approval	1	1			
Total Applications	12	6	6	6	

PULMONARY FUNCTION

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	UPHELD BY MSC	REFERRED TO MSC
New Certificate of Approval	5	5			
Total Applications	5	5			

RADIOLOGY

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	UPHELD BY MSC	REFERRED TO MSC
New Certificate of Approval	2	1	1	1	
Addition of Service	3	3			
Relocation of an existing Certificate of Approval	1	1			
Relocation with a physical expansion	1		1	1	
Relocation with an expansion of services	1		1	1	
Relocation with a significant change in capacity	1		1	1	
Remote site status/Telemetry ¹	1	1			
Total Applications	10	6	4	4	

ULTRASOUND

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	UPHELD BY MSC	REFERRED TO MSC
New Certificate of Approval	4	2	2	2	
Significant Change in Capacity of an Existing Diagnostic Facility	2	1			1
Addition of Service	3	3			
Relocation of an existing Certificate of Approval	1	1			
Remote site status/Telemetry	20	20			
Total Applications	30	27	2	2	1²

¹ This application was required as the applicant was requesting to send radiology images from a corrections facility to a home based facility for interpretation. Generally, radiology does not require approval to send images via Telemetry.

² This application was referred to the Commission as the Committee assessed the application during the 90 day window reserved for a public facility application as per *Use of the Existing Facilities Policy*. The public facility had indicated they could absorb additional capacity; however there was additional demonstrated need, evidenced by publicly announced significantly long wait-times. This privately-owned facility application was subsequently approved by the Commission on the basis of the wait-times. The public facility application was later approved as well.

BREAKDOWN OF APPLICATIONS BY OWNERSHIP TYPE

PUBLIC FACILITIES

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	UPHELD BY MSC	REFERRED TO MSC
ELECTROCARDIOGRAPHY	2	2			
NUCLEAR MEDICINE	1	1			
PULMONARY FUNCTION	3	3			
RADIOLOGY	5	5			
ULTRASOUND	26	26			
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	37	37			

PRIVATELY-OWNED FACILITIES

	NUMBER	APPROVED	RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL	UPHELD BY MSC	REFERRED TO MSC
ELECTROMYOGRAPHY	11	11			
POLYSOMNOGRAPHY	12	6	6		
PULMONARY FUNCTION	2	2			
RADIOLOGY	5	1	4		
ULTRASOUND	4	1	2		1
TOTAL APPLICATIONS	34	21	12	12	1³

FOR NOTIFICATION

MODALITY	NUMBER	PUBLIC	PRIVATE
NONE	0		

³ See footnote 2 for detail.