

# **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DIAGNOSTIC FACILITIES APPLICATIONS – ANNUAL REPORT**

**APRIL 1, 2023 – MARCH 31, 2024**

*All applications addressed or assessed by the ACDF in fiscal 2023-2024 are reflected in this report.*

## **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 (ACDF). For example, in an – “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 ACDF will assess and count these as three separate applications.
2. Applications that are “Recommended for Denial” are recommendations to the Medical Services Commission (MSC) by the ACDF. The ACDF does not have authority to deny an application, but instead makes a recommendation to the MSC, which makes the final determination.
3. Applications noted as “Denial Upheld by MSC” are decisions on applications where the MSC upheld the recommendation of the ACDF.
4. “Held in Abeyance” refers to applications where the ACDF has not made a final determination about an application. This is generally to provide time for existing facilities providing the service in the catchment area to achieve “reasonable utilization”<sup>1</sup> before a determination can be made.
5. “Referred/Approved by MSC” are applications that the ACDF has referred to MSC, with recommendations, due to application complexity and/or potential impacts of the decision.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 40 (1) of the Medical and Health Care Services Regulation specifies that the Commission and/or the Committee must not approve an application unless it is satisfied:

- there is sufficient medical need, and
- there is reasonable utilization of existing approved diagnostic facilities which provide the same services for which the approval is sought, and which are located within the catchment area under consideration.

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**TOTAL APPLICATIONS ASSESSED: 84**

TOTAL APPLICATIONS ASSESSED BY CHAIR: **32**

TOTAL APPLICATIONS ASSESSED BY FULL COMMITTEE: **52**

**NUMBER OF PUBLIC APPLICATIONS: 31**

**NUMBER PUBLIC APPLICATIONS APPROVED: 31**

**NUMBER OF PRIVATE APPLICATIONS: 53**

**NUMBER PRIVATE APPLICATIONS APPROVED: 42**

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**ELECTROMYOGRAPHY (EMG)**

	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ACDF APPROVED</b>	<b>ACDF RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL</b>	<b>DENIAL UPHELD BY MSC</b>	<b>REFERRED/ APPROVED BY MSC</b>	<b>HELD IN ABEYANCE</b>
New Certificate of Approval	8	8				
<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>				

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**POLYSOMNOGRAPHY**

	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ACDF APPROVED</b>	<b>ACDF RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL</b>	<b>DENIAL UPHELD BY MSC</b>	<b>REFERRED/ APPROVED BY MSC</b>	<b>HELD IN ABEYANCE</b>
New Certificate of Approval	20	7	10	(10)	3	
Relocation	2	2				
Extension – Six-Month Lapse in Service	1	1				
Extension to 18- Month Approval	1	1				
<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>3</b>	

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**PULMONARY FUNCTION**

	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ACDF APPROVED</b>	<b>ACDF RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL</b>	<b>DENIAL UPHELD BY MSC</b>	<b>REFERRED/ APPROVED BY MSC</b>	<b>HELD IN ABEYANCE</b>
New Certificate of Approval	8	8				
Relocation	2	2				
Expansion of Service	10	10				
<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>20</b>				

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**RADIOLOGY**

	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ACDF APPROVED</b>	<b>ACDF RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL</b>	<b>DENIAL UPHELD BY MSC</b>	<b>REFERRED/ APPROVED BY MSC</b>	<b>HELD IN ABEYANCE</b>
New Certificate of Approval	8	5			3	
Relocation	1	1				
Expansion of Services	5	5				
Extension to 18- Month Approval	1	1				
<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>			<b>3</b>	

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**ULTRASOUND**

	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ACDF APPROVED</b>	<b>ACDF RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL</b>	<b>DENIAL UPHELD BY MSC</b>	<b>REFERRED/ APPROVED BY MSC</b>	<b>HELD IN ABEYANCE</b>
New Certificate of Approval	11	10				1
Expansion of Services	5	5				
New Distance Reading	1	1				
<b>Total Applications</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>16</b>				<b>1</b>
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<b>Total</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>

**BREAKDOWN OF APPLICATIONS BY OWNERSHIP TYPE**

**PUBLICLY-OWNED FACILITIES (HEALTH AUTHORITIES)**

	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ACDF APPROVED</b>	<b>ACDF RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL</b>	<b>DENIAL UPHELD BY MSC</b>	<b>REFERRED/ APPROVED BY MSC</b>	<b>HELD IN ABEYANCE</b>
Pulmonary Function - New Certificate of Approval	7	7				
Pulmonary Function - Relocation	1	1				
Pulmonary Function - Expansion of Service	10	10				
Radiology - New Certificate of Approval	2	1			1	
Radiology - Relocation	1	1				
Radiology - Expansion of Service	5	5				
Ultrasound - Expansion of Service	4	4				
Ultrasound - New Distance Reading	1	1				
<b>TOTAL APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>30</b>			<b>1</b>	

**PRIVATELY-OWNED FACILITIES**

	<b>NUMBER</b>	<b>ACDF APPROVED</b>	<b>ACDF RECOMMENDED FOR DENIAL</b>	<b>DENIAL UPHELD BY MSC</b>	<b>REFERRED/ APPROVED BY MSC</b>	<b>HELD IN ABEYANCE</b>
Electromyography – New Certificate of Approval	8	8				
Polysomnography - New Certificate of Approval	20	7	10	(10)	3	
Polysomnography – Relocation	2	2				
Polysomnography – Extension – Six-Month Lapse in Service	1	1				
Polysomnography – Extension to 18-Month Approval	1	1				
Pulmonary Function – New Certificate of Approval	1	1				
Pulmonary Function – Relocation	1	1				
Radiology – New Certificate of Approval	6	4			2	
Radiology – Extension to 18-Month Approval	1	1				
Ultrasound - New Certificate of Approval	11	10				1 <sup>▫</sup>
Ultrasound – Expansion of Service	1	1				
<b>TOTAL APPLICATIONS</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>(10)</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1<sup>▫</sup></b>

▫ **REMAIN IN ABEYANCE**