

**Division of Health Planning and Resource Development  
November 2003**

**CON Review MU-A-0803-024  
Scott Medical Imaging, LLC  
Amendment to CON # R-0616 (Offering of Mobile MRI Services)  
Additional Health Care Facilities to MRI Route  
Approved Capital Expenditure: -0-  
Location: Madison, Mississippi**

**Staff Analysis**

**I. Project Summary**

**A. Facility Information**

Scott Medical Imaging, LLC is a for-profit limited liability corporation, incorporated in the State of Mississippi. The main objective of the corporation is to provide highly sophisticated MRI diagnostic facilities to Mississippi's rural population through rural hospitals. The Governing Board consists of Howard D. Clark, M.D., Chairman; Mohammad Athar, M.D., Chief Executive Officer; and Mohammad Saleh, Secretary. The entity currently provides MRI equipment to eight facilities in Mississippi.

**B. Project Background**

As stated above, Scott Medical Imaging currently provides mobile MRI equipment to eight Mississippi facilities, utilizing two mobile MRI scanners. The applicant received exemption from the CON process to control MRI equipment in the state. The applicant now seeks CON authority to offer mobile MRI services to other hospitals and clinics as a provider of the MRI services.

The applicant currently operates two MRI units: (a) Picker 1.0T Vista Polaris MRI System installed in a mobile unit, and (b) Phillips Intera 1.5 Tesla.

**II. TYPE OF REVIEW REQUIRED**

Projects which propose the provision of magnetic resonance imaging services are reviewed in accordance with Section 41-7-191, subparagraphs (1) (d)(xii) Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated, as amended, and duly adopted rules, procedures, plans, criteria, and standards of the Mississippi State Department of Health.

In accordance with Section 41-7-197 (2) of the Mississippi Code 1972 Annotated, as amended, any person may request a public hearing on this project within 20 days of publication of the staff analysis. The opportunity to request a hearing expires on December 4, 2003.

**III. Conformance With the State Health Plan and Other Adopted Criteria and Standards**

**A. State Health Plan (SHP)**

The *Mississippi State Health Plan* addresses criteria and standards which an applicant is required to meet before receiving CON authority for Offering of Mobile MRI Services. The original application was in substantial compliance with the applicable criteria and standards stated in the Plan in effect at the time of the original application. This application for the amendment/addition of Health Care Facilities to MRI Route continues to be in compliance with the *State Health Plan*.

**B. General Considerations**

Chapter 8 of the *Mississippi Certificate of Need Review Manual, 2000 Revisions*, addresses general criteria by which all CON applications are reviewed. This project was in substantial compliance with general review criteria at the time of original submission, and continues to be in substantial compliance with said criteria.

Scott Medical Imaging, LLC, (SMI) currently holds Certificate of need as a provider of MRI services in the State of Mississippi. SMI is requesting that the following Health Care Facilities be included as additional service locations:

Simpson General Hospital Mendenhall, Mississippi	North Oak Regional Medical Center Senatobia, Mississippi
Prentiss Regional Hospital & Extended Care Facility Prentiss, Mississippi	Mississippi Department of Correction Medical and Dental Facility Parchman, Mississippi
Lawrence County Hospital Monticello, Mississippi	Tallahatchie General Hospital Charleston, Mississippi
Central Mississippi Correction Facility Brandon, Mississippi	Walthall General County Hospital Tylertown, Mississippi
Choctaw Health Center Philadelphia, Mississippi	

**IV. Financial Feasibility**

**A. Capital Expenditure Summary**

No capital expenditure is projected for this project.

**B. Method of Financing**

The proposed project does not require any capital expenditure; therefore, no financing is required.

**C. Effect on Operating Cost**

The effect on operating cost was submitted in the original application.

**D. Cost to Medicare/Medicaid**

Medicaid does not reimburse freestanding MRI facilities, therefore, the cost to the Medicaid program will be negligible. The applicant projects that approximately three (3) percent of its patients will be medically indigent.

**V. RECOMMENDATIONS OF OTHER AFFECTED AGENCIES**

The Division of Medicaid was provided an opportunity to review and comment on this project; however, no written comments were received.

**VI. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

This project is in substantial compliance with the criteria and standards for the offering of MRI services, as contained in the *FY 2004 State Health Plan*; the *Mississippi Certificate of Need Review Manual*, 2000 revisions; and all adopted rules, procedures, and plans of the Mississippi State Department of Health. Therefore, the Division of Health Planning and Resource Development recommends approval of this application submitted by Scott Medical Imaging, LLC.