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Ms. Alexandria Hicks, Coordinator
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Re: Russell DeGroote MD PC - Request for Determination

Dear Ms. Hicks:

Russell DeGroote MD PC dba SEAK Health is a multi-specialty clinic in Ketchikan, Alaska. This letter is a request for determination pursuant to 7 AAC 07.030 as to whether a Certificate of Need (CON) is required for this imaging modality.

Patients in southeast Alaska have to travel to Anchorage or Seattle to get access to an open MRI. This is at great cost to the patient and/or the patient's family.

This is a low field MRI and thus the space allocated for the MRI will be combined with the fluoroscopy suite. The total area needed for the MRI is $16 \times 18 = 288$ square feet. The current fair market value for commercial space is approximately \$2.00 per foot.

Total cost of the project is
MRI - \$88,770
Computer work station - \$900
2 years of PACS service - \$3096
Horus Cloud Reporting - \$259.98
24 months rent - \$13824
Total Expenditure - \$106849.98

Russell DeGroote MD PC believes that given the information provided in this pre-determination letter and pursuant to 7 AAC 07.030, that a Certificate of Need is not required for the imaging described.

Kindest Regards,

Russell DeGroote MD