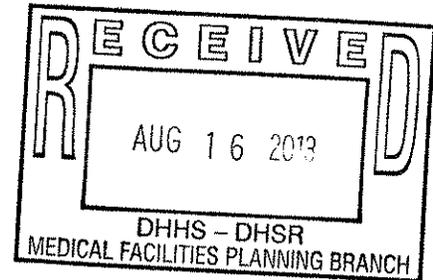


August 7, 2013

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Nadine Pfeiffer, Branch Manager  
Planning Section  
Division of Facility Services  
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**RE: Letter of support for Person Memorial Hospital Petition to adjust the 2014 need determination to show need for an additional fixed MRI in Person County**

Dear Mr. Parks and Ms. Pfeiffer,

This is to request staff endorsement and State Health Coordinating Council approval of the petition from Person Memorial Hospital for an amendment to the *2014 Proposed State Medical Facilities Plan* to include a special need for a fixed MRI scanner in Person County.

Person County presently has part time MRI service covering 3 days per week. This creates scheduling difficulties and often means that residents must go out of the county to get same day service. The extra travel and coordination can create additional problems with coordination of care. I understand that 75% of Person County residents that received MRI services in 2012 travel outside of the county mainly due to limited access. Given our county is mostly rural and has a large senior population, a full time fixed scanner would give our patients the ability to stay close to home for services.

By bringing full time MRI coverage to Person County and Person Memorial Hospital, we will be able to provide increased healthcare access to our community and patients while offsetting current costs. This is a win-win for the community, and for the hospital. Person Memorial Hospital is a great asset to our community and I'm pleased to fully support their petition and request for a full time MRI scanner.

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Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

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