

## STATE OF CONNECTICUT

## OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE ACCESS

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August 25, 2009

Gary Dee, M.D.

VIA FACSIMILE ONLY

President
Meriden Imaging Center, Inc. d/b/a Radiology Associates, Inc. 101 North Plains Industrial Rd.
Building 1A
Wallingford, CT 06492

Re: CON Determination Report Number 09-31410-DTR

Meriden Imaging Center, Inc. d/b/a Radiology Associates, Inc. Acquisition and operation of an Open High Field MRI scanner in 2005

Dear Dr. Dee:

On July 21, 2009, the Office of Health Care Access ("OHCA") received a CON Determination Form 2020 regarding Meriden Imaging Center, Inc. d/b/a Radiology Associates, Inc. ("Applicant") acquisition and operation of an Open High Field MRI scanner in 2005. Additional information was received on August 19, 2009. OHCA has reviewed your request and makes the following findings:

- 1. Meriden Imaging Center, Inc. d/b/a Radiology Associates, Inc ("Applicant") is a forprofit entity that provides imaging services.
- 2. The Applicant currently owns and operates the Open High Field MRI scanner at 680 South Main Street, Cheshire, Connecticut.
- 3. The Applicant provided an invoice dated March 30, 2005 from Hitachi Medical Systems America, Inc. ("Vendor") confirming the total net selling price of \$312,500 as well as the deposit of \$50,000 paid for the Open High Field MRI scanner.
- 4. The Applicant provided copies of checks associated with the purchase of the Open High Field MRI scanner for the deposit amount of \$50,000 paid on February 14, 2005, and for payments made on March 23, 2005 for \$215,000 and on April 21, 2005 for \$66,250 to finalize the purchase.

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5. The Applicant provided evidence demonstrating that a patient was scanned at its Cheshire location with the Open High Field MRI scanner on May 23, 2005.

Based on these findings, OHCA has determined that Certificate of Need approval is not required for the acquisition and operation of the Open High Field MRI scanner because certain binding commitments were made prior to the implementation of Public Act 05-93 and the equipment was in operation prior to July 1, 2006.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Carmen Cotto at (860) 418-

7001.

Sincerely

Chistine A. Wøge

Commissioner

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