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Via e-mail – larry.carbonneau@maine.gov

Larry D. Carbonneau, Program Manager
Certificate of Need Program
Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services
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State House Station #11
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**Re: Shields PET/CT at CMMC, LLC
Request for Not Subject to Review Determination**

Dear Mr. Carbonneau:

On behalf of Shields PET/CT at CMMC, LLC (“Shields-CMMC”), please accept this letter of intent requesting a determination by the Department that the proposed provision of Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography (PET/CT) services at Central Maine Medical Center, Inc. (“CMMC”) in Lewiston, Maine is not subject to certificate of need (“CON”) review and approval.

CMMC currently provides PET/CT services through an arrangement with New England Molecular Imaging, LLC. CMMC and Shields Health Care Group, Inc., a Massachusetts Corporation (“Shields”), propose to continue to provide PET/CT services at CMMC through a joint venture arrangement. Shields-CMMC is a Maine LLC with two members, Central Maine Health Ventures, Inc., a Maine corporation, and Shields Imaging Services, LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company. Shields-CMMC will lease a mobile PET/CT scanner from Shields Imaging of Massachusetts IV, LLC, a Massachusetts limited liability company. Shields-CMMC will lease the mobile pad from CMMC, and will also provide staffing, provide PET/CT services, and bill for those services.

This proposed arrangement will utilize a 2016 Siemens MC T 20 PET/CT unit with a purchase price of \$1,500,000. Because the value of the equipment is less than the applicable thresholds, the proposed arrangement does not implicate CON review for “major medical equipment” or for a “new health service.” In addition, because CMMC already offers this service through a mobile unit, the pad and related electrical infrastructure is already in place. Thus, the proposed arrangement will not require any significant improvements or other capital

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costs. Based on the foregoing, we respectfully request the Department to determine that the proposed project is not subject to CON review or approval.

We thank you in advance for your consideration of this proposal and your prompt attention to this mater.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen G. Healy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Kathleen G. Healy

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cc: Lou Masella