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COMMUNITY HEALTH

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Week of June 27, 2005

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## New Applications

### 2005-041 Cameron Hall Assisted Living Center

Expansion of existing facility/ increase in beds

**Filed: 6/23/2005**

**Site:** 240 Marietta Highway, Canton, GA 30114 (Cherokee County)

**Contact:** Joann Savage 770-720-9792

**Estimated Cost:** \$1,400,682

### 2005-042 Floyd Medical Center

Construction of Parking Deck& Elevated Connector/Cost Overrun 2003-051

**Filed: 6/30/2005**

**Site:** 304 Turner McCall Boulevard, P.O.Box 233, Rome, GA 30162 (Floyd County)

**Contact:** Dan Sweitzer 706-509-3259

**Estimated Cost:** \$3,389,142

## Pending Review/Incomplete Applications

### 2005-027 Heritage of Peachtree

The Addition of Twelve New Beds

**Filed: 4/29/2005 Deemed Incomplete: 5/13/2005**

**Site:** 1967 Highway 54 West, Fayetteville, GA 30214 (Fayette County)

**Contact:** Peggy Peters, Regional GM 770-845-6483

**Estimated Cost:** \$0

### 2005-034 Southeast Georgia Regional Medical Center

To Construct a Sixth Floor to an Ambulatory Care Building

**Filed: 5/25/2005 Deemed Incomplete: 6/9/2005**

**Site:** 2415 Parkwood Drive, Brunswick, GA 31520 (Glynn County)

**Contact:** Marjorie Mathieu (912) 466-7013

**Estimated Cost:** \$2,240,500

### 2005-035 Coastal Behavioral Health

To Establish Free-Standing Inpatient Hospital for Adult Psych. Care

**Filed: 5/26/2005 Deemed Incomplete: 6/9/2005**

**Site:** 633 Stephenson Ave., Savannah, GA 31405 (Chatham County)

**Contact:** Ray Heckerman (912) 692-4205

**Estimated Cost:** \$955,436

### 2005-036 Westminster Commons

Nursing Facility Re-location

**Filed: 5/31/2005 Deemed Incomplete: 6/14/2005**

**Site:** 560 St. Charles Avenue, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30308 (Fulton County)

**Contact:** Philip Rees (770) 992-0441 ext. 3702

**Estimated Cost:** \$3,668,000

### 2005-037 Northeast Georgia Health System, Inc.

To Construct an Operations and Data Center Building

**Filed: 6/2/2005 Deemed Incomplete: 6/16/2005**

**Site:** 743 Spring Street, Gainesville, GA 30501 (Hall County)

**Contact:** Tracy Vardeman 770-531-6292

**Estimated Cost:** \$15,935,500

### 2005-040 Pediatric Surgery Center

Establish Freestanding Pediatric Ambulatory Surgery Center

**Filed: 6/13/2005 Deemed Incomplete: 6/27/2005**

**Site:** 993-D Johnson Ferry Road, Suite 300, Atlanta, GA 30342 (Fulton County)

**Contact:** Margaret Chappell 404-303-1629

**Estimated Cost:** \$76,500

## Pending Review/Complete Applications

### 2005-011 Northeast Georgia Medical Center

Addition of a Fourth Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory

**Filed: 2/24/2005 Deemed Incomplete: 3/10/2005 Deemed Complete: 3/28/2005**

**60th Day Deadline: 5/27/2005**

**Decision Deadline: 6/26/2005 Extended Deadline: 7/26/2005**  
**Site:** 743 Spring Street, Gainesville, GA 30501 (Hall County)  
**Contact:** Tracy Vardeman 770-531-6292 **Estimated Cost:** \$5,782,503

**2005-015 Satilla Regional Cancer Treatment Center**  
Relocation of Radiation Therapy Services  
**Filed: 3/14/2005 Deemed Incomplete: 3/28/2005 Deemed Complete: 4/11/2005**  
**60th Day Deadline: 6/10/2005**  
**Decision Deadline: 7/10/2005 Extended Deadline: 8/9/2005**  
**Site:** 2002 Pioneer Street, Waycross, GA 31501 (Ware County)  
**Contact:** Michael Safer, M.D. 912-283-3087 **Estimated Cost:** \$3,462,721

**2005-016 Select Specialty Hospital of Augusta**  
To Construct an 80-Bed Freestanding LTAC Hospital  
**Filed: 3/25/2005 Deemed Incomplete: 4/8/2005 Deemed Complete: 4/27/2005**  
**60th Day Deadline: 6/26/2005**  
**Decision Deadline: 7/26/2005**  
**Site:** Walton Way/Wrights Ave, Augusta, GA 30904 (Richmond County)  
**Contact:** Gregory H. Sassman 615-284-6716 **Estimated Cost:** \$21,977,081

**2005-020 Saint Joseph's Hospital of Atlanta, Inc.**  
The Addition of an Eighth Cardiac Catheterization Lab  
**Filed: 4/1/2005 Deemed Incomplete: 4/14/2005 Deemed Complete: 5/9/2005**  
**60th Day Deadline: 7/8/2005**  
**Decision Deadline: 8/7/2005**  
**Site:** 5665 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, N.E., Atlanta, GA 30342 (Fulton County)  
**Contact:** Douglas J. Holbrook, Director, New Business **Estimated Cost:** \$2,908,418  
404-851-5933

**2005-021 Center for Reconstructive Surgery, Inc.**  
To Relocate to an Existing Facility  
**Filed: 4/8/2005 Deemed Incomplete: 4/21/2005 Deemed Complete: 5/2/2005**  
**60th Day Deadline: 7/1/2005**  
**Decision Deadline: 7/31/2005**  
**Site:** 5335 Old National Hwy., College Park, GA 30349 (Fulton County)  
**Contact:** Greg Alvarez, DPM 404-768-3668 **Estimated Cost:** \$775,083

**2005-022 Habersham County Medical Center**  
To Construct a Free-Standing 2-Level Annex Building  
**Filed: 4/13/2005 Deemed Complete: 4/28/2005**  
**60th Day Deadline: 6/27/2005**  
**Decision Deadline: 7/27/2005**  
**Site:** 541 Historic Highway 441 North, Demorest, GA 30535 (Habersham County)  
**Contact:** James A. Peterson, Senior V.P. Finance 706- **Estimated Cost:** \$4,310,264  
754-3113, ext. 1103

**2005-023 The Emory Clinic, Inc.**  
To Purchase a MRI Scanner  
**Filed: 4/13/2005 Deemed Complete: 4/27/2005 Deemed Complete: 5/26/2005**  
**60th Day Deadline: 7/25/2005**  
**Decision Deadline: 8/24/2005**  
**Site:** 1365 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30322 (DeKalb County)  
**Contact:** Mike Mason 404-778-5639 **Estimated Cost:** \$2,104,103

**2005-024 Coffee Regional Medical Center**  
Expansion & Renovation of an Existing Facility  
**Filed: 4/14/2005 Deemed Complete: 4/28/2005**  
**60th Day Deadline: 6/27/2005**  
**Decision Deadline: 7/27/2005**  
**Site:** 1101 Ocilla Road, Douglas, GA 31533 (Coffee County)

**Contact:** George L. Heck, III, Pres.& CEO 912-383-5620 **Estimated Cost:** \$8,524,250

**2005-025 Emory University Hospital**

To Relocate and Expand The Outpatient Transplant Clinic

**Filed:** 4/26/2005 **Deemed Incomplete:** 5/19/2005 **Deemed Complete:** 5/19/2005

**60th Day Deadline:** 7/18/2005

**Decision Deadline:** 8/17/2005

**Site:** 1364 Clifton Road, NE, Atlanta, GA 30322 (DeKalb County)

**Contact:** Toni Wimby 404-686-2450 **Estimated Cost:** \$2,780,772

**2005-026 Savannah Partners, LLC d/b/a ENT Surgical Center**

To Request a Limited Purpose Ambulatory Surgery Center

**Filed:** 4/29/2005 **Deemed Incomplete:** 5/13/2005 **Deemed Complete:** 6/6/2005

**60th Day Deadline:** 8/5/2005

**Decision Deadline:** 9/4/2005

**Site:** 13040 Abercorn Street, Suite 2, Savannah, GA 31419 (Chatham County)

**Contact:** Sharon D. Bowen, CASC, Administrator 912-920-6911 **Estimated Cost:** \$0

**2005-028 Newnan Regional Radiation Therapy Center, Inc.**

The Addition of a Second Linear Accelerator and Vault

**Filed:** 5/9/2005 **Deemed Incomplete:** 5/23/2005 **Deemed Complete:** 6/6/2005

**60th Day Deadline:** 8/5/2005

**Decision Deadline:** 9/4/2005

**Site:** 211 Millard C. Farmer Ind. Blvd., Newnan, GA 30263 (Coweta County)

**Contact:** John Warner Ray, MD 770-994-1650 **Estimated Cost:** \$1,652,520

**2005-029 St. Mary's Hospice House**

To Develop a Free-standing Hospice House

**Filed:** 5/10/2005 **Deemed Incomplete:** 5/24/2005 **Deemed Complete:** 6/23/2005

**60th Day Deadline:** 8/22/2005

**Decision Deadline:** 9/21/2005

**Site:** 1660 Jennings Mill Road, Bogart, GA 30622 (Oconee County)

**Contact:** Jonathan Johnson, Executive Director 706-353-8840 **Estimated Cost:** \$2,541,500

**2005-030 Tift Regional Medical Center**

To Construct a New Facility

**Filed:** 5/13/2005 **Deemed Complete:** 5/26/2005

**60th Day Deadline:** 7/25/2005

**Decision Deadline:** 8/24/2005

**Site:** 901 East 18th Street, P.O. Drawer 747, Tifton, GA 31793 (Tift County)

**Contact:** Sarah Thompson, VP, Operations 229-386-6102 **Estimated Cost:** \$1,777,476

**2005-032 Tanner Medical Center- Villa Rica**

Purchase & Install new Intera Achieva MRI Scanner

**Filed:** 5/20/2005 **Deemed Complete:** 6/2/2005

**60th Day Deadline:** 8/1/2005

**Decision Deadline:** 8/31/2005

**Site:** 601 Dallas Highway, Villa Rica, GA 30180 (Carroll County)

**Contact:** David Thornhill (770) 836-9292 **Estimated Cost:** \$1,997,684

**2005-033 Atlanta Medical Center**

To Develop 12-bed ICU

**Filed:** 5/24/2005 **Deemed Complete:** 6/8/2005

**60th Day Deadline:** 8/7/2005

**Decision Deadline:** 9/6/2005

**Site:** 303 Parkway Drive, NE, Atlanta, GA 30312 (Fulton County)

**Contact:** Jameson Smith (404)265-4202 **Estimated Cost:** \$3,950,216

**2005-038 Hughston Surgical Institute, LLC**

New LP-ASC Facility

**Filed: 6/3/2005 Deemed Complete: 6/16/2005**

**60th Day Deadline: 8/15/2005**

**Decision Deadline: 9/14/2005**

**Site:** 6262 Veterans Parkway, P.O.Box 9517, Columbus, GA 31908 (Muscookee County)

**Contact:** Mark Baker 706-494-3121

**Estimated Cost:** \$4,256,181

**2005-039 Tanner Medical Center, Inc.**

Relocate existing non-clinical services

**Filed: 6/9/2005 Deemed Complete: 6/23/2005**

**60th Day Deadline: 8/22/2005**

**Decision Deadline: 8/7/2005**

**Site:** 705 Dixie Street, Carrollton, GA 30117 (Carroll County)

**Contact:** Lee C. Sherseth 770-836-9697

**Estimated Cost:** \$3,369,230

## **Pending Review/Complete/Joined Applications**

none

## **Recently Approved Applications**

**2005-010 Henry Medical Center**

To Renovate and Purchase a CT Scan

**Filed: 2/14/2005 Deemed Incomplete: 2/28/2005 Deemed Complete: 3/28/2005**

**60th Day Deadline: 5/27/2005**

**Decision Deadline: 6/26/2005**

**APPROVED: 6/21/2005**

**Site:** 1133 Eagle's Landing Parkway, Stockbridge, GA 30281 (Henry County)

**Contact:** Michael P. Britain, CHE 404-847-0100

**Estimated Cost:** \$973,091

**2005-012 Northside Hospital**

Relocate and Consolidate Existing Hospital Services Into Leased Space

**Filed: 3/3/2005 Deemed Complete: 3/17/2005**

**60th Day Deadline: 5/16/2005**

**Decision Deadline: 6/15/2005 Extended Deadline: 7/15/2005**

**APPROVED: 7/1/2005**

**Site:** 1000 Johnson Ferry Rd., Atlanta, GA 30342 (Fulton County)

**Contact:** Brian J. Toporek (404) 851-6821

**Estimated Cost:** \$9,710,668

**2005-014 Tift Regional Medical Center**

The Expansion, Relocation and Addition of Six Beds to the ICU

**Filed: 3/11/2005 Deemed Complete: 3/25/2005 Deemed Complete: 6/3/2005**

**60th Day Deadline: 5/24/2005**

**Decision Deadline: 6/21/2005**

**APPROVED: 6/21/2005**

**Site:** 901 East 18th Street, Tifton, GA 31793 (Tift County)

**Contact:** Sarah Thompson 229-386-6102

**Estimated Cost:** \$15,143,629

## **Recently Denied Applications**

none

## Applications Withdrawn by Applicant

### **2005-002 Emory Crawford Long Hospital**

To Purchase a PET/CT Scanner

**Filed: 1/4/2005 Deemed Incomplete: 1/18/2005 Deemed Complete: 2/14/2005**

**60th Day Deadline: 4/14/2005**

**Decision Deadline: 5/14/2005 Extended Deadline: 6/13/2005**

**WITHDRAWN: 6/9/2005**

**Site:** 550 Peachtree Street, NE, Atlanta, GA 30308 (Fulton County)

**Contact:** Toni Wimby 404-686-2450

**Estimated Cost:** \$2,977,782

## Appealed CON Projects

### **2002-029 Sunbelt Home Care (Gordon)**

### **2002-030 Healthfield Home Health, Inc.**

### **2002-032 Amedysis Home Health of Ft. Oglethorpe**

Home Health Services Expansion in HPA 1 (HHA)

**Agency Decision:** Approved 2002-029 and 2002-032, 8/30/02. Denied 2002-030, 8/30/02.

**Appealed By:** Appealed by 2002-030, 9/18/02.

**Hearing Officer:** Ellwood F. Oakley, III

**Hearing Date:** Hearing held on 1/14/03 and 01/15/03;

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer decision pending, 2/10/03; Hearing Officer Decision affirmed Department decision, 3/29/03. Healthfield filed objections to hearing officer's decision and requested Review Board hearing 04-29-03. Review Board hearing to be held on 7-14-03.

**Review Board Decision:** Review Board affirmed award of CON to Amedysis Home Health of Ft. Oglethorpe on 08/12/03.

**Appealed to Superior Court:** Healthfield Home Health, Inc. filed Petition for Judicial Review in Superior Court of Fulton County on 9/11/03. Oral argument held on 8/4/2004.

### **2003-007 Cancer Treatment Center at Henry County (Henry)**

Construction of Oncology Treatment Center

**Agency Decision:** Approved 6/16/03

**Appealed By:** Institute for Radiation Therapy, Inc.(IRT), Griffin Regional Radiation Therapy Center (Griffin) and Radiotherapy Clinics of Georgia (RCG) requested administrative hearing in opposition to Cancer Treatment Center at Henry County (CTC) on June 27, 2003.

**Hearing Officer:** Jordan E. Lubin

**Hearing Date:** Hearing scheduled 3-2-04 thru 3-4-04;

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer issued Decision on 5/24/2004 and ordered the decision awarding a CON to CTC be reversed. On 6/9/2004, Hearing Officer issued Order on Motion for Reconsideration modifying his Final Decision issued on 5/24/2004 to add a footnote. Decision remains unchanged in all other respects; On 6/23/2004, CTC and the Department each filed objections to Hearing Officer's final decision. Notice of extension for Review Board meeting issued on 7/2/2004.

**Review Board Decision:** Review Board meeting held 8/27/2004 at 10:00. Review Board issued decision on 9/8/2004 affirming Hearing Officer's decision of 5/24/2004 and ordered the Department not issue a CON to CTC for radiation therapy service at Henry County.

**Appealed to Superior Court:** CTC filed Petition for Judicial Review in the Fulton County Superior Court on 10/11/2004. IRT and Griffin filed Cross Petition for Judicial Review on 10/8/2004.

**Additional Information:** RCG withdrew its appeal of CTC's project and on 2/24/04 the hearing officer ordered that the CON granted by the Department to RCG is deemed unopposed. Hearing shall proceed with CTC, IRT, and Griffin.

### **2003-070 Open MRI & Imaging of Albany, LLC (Dougherty)**

Addition of Fixed-Based MRI Unit

**Agency Decision:** Approved January 30, 2004

**Appealed By:** Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Inc. filed an appeal in opposition on 2/26/04; Motion to Intervene filed by Palmyra Medical Centers; motion denied by Hearing Officer on 6/10/04.

**Hearing Officer:** Melvin Goldstein

**Hearing Date:** Hearing scheduled for 8/25/2004 at 9:30am. Hearing date set for 9:30 am was postponed. Hearing rescheduled for 11/8/2004 at 9:30 am. Hearing was held on 11/8/2004 and 11/9/2004. The final day of hearing was 12/10/2004.

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer affirmed Department's decision to grant a CON to Open MRI & Imaging of Albany, 3/16/2005. Phoebe Putney submitted objections to Hearing Officer's decision, 4/18/2005. Review Board to hear oral argument on 5/13/2005. This case will immediately follow case 2004-022 which begins at 10:00 am.

**Review Board Decision:** Review Board issued an Order on 5/25/2005 adopting the Hearing Officer's decision and affirming the Department's decision to issue a CON to Open MRI.

**Additional Information:** Hearing Officer issued Order denying Phoebe Putney's motion to remand and granting Open MRI's motion to quash, 11/4/2004.

**2003-097 Amedisys Home Health of Augusta (Richmond)**

**2003-118 CSRA Diversified, Augusta (Richmond)**

**2003-120 CareSouth, Washington (Wilkes)**

**2003-122 Guardian Home Care of East Georgia (Richmond)**

Establishment of New Home Health Agency in SDDR 7 (Batching Cycle)

**Agency Decision:** On 3/8/2004, CareSouth was approved; Amedisys, Healthfield, United, CSRA Diversified, TM Ventures, CHMG, Guardian and CSRA Nursing were denied.

**Appealed By:** Amedisys contests the denial of their application and the approval of CareSouth. Guardian and CSRA Diversified contests denial of their applications. Amedisys, Guardian and CSRA Diversified requests intervention in any other appeal filed in this batch; On 6/3/2004 CSRA Diversified withdrew its request for an appeal. On 6/7/2004 Guardian withdrew request for hearing. Amedisys Augusta filed objections to decision of Hearing Officer and requested oral argument before full Review Board, 12/22/2004.

**Hearing Officer:** Walter Van Heiningen

**Hearing Date:** Hearing scheduled for 9/13/04 at 9:30am.

Hearing held 9/13 - 14/2004 at 9:30am.

**Hearing Decision:** Hearing Officer issued decision on 11/22/2004 and ordered that DCH's decision to award a CON to CareSouth and deny a CON to Amedisys be affirmed that a CON be issued to CareSouth for it to expand into Burke, Columbia, Glascock, Jefferson, Jenkins, Richmond, Warren and Washington Counties.

**Review Board Decision:** Review Board meeting scheduled 1/24/2005 at 10 am. Review Board meeting to be rescheduled since a 45-day extension was granted due to scheduling conflicts, 1/19/2005. Review Board meeting held 3/4/2005 at 10:00 am. On 3/14/2005, the Review Board issued order denying Amedisys' Motion for Leave to Present Additional Evidence and affirming Hearing Officer's decision of 11/22/2005.

**Appealed to Superior Court:** Amedisys filed Petition for Judicial Review with Superior Court of Fulton County, 4/13/2005.

**2004-022 N.Atlanta Diagnostic and Cardiovascular Center d/b/a Global Diagnostic,LLC (Fulton)**

Establishment of Diagnostic Imaging Service

**Agency Decision:** Approved 8/31/2004.

**Appealed By:** Northside Hospital, 9/3/2004 and Diagnostic Imaging of Atlanta, 9/3/2004.

**Hearing Officer:** Melvin Goldstein

**Hearing Date:** Hearing held 11/15-17/2004.

**Hearing Decision:** In his final decision on 2/18/2005, the Hearing Officer ordered that Global Diagnostic be granted a CON. Diagnostic Imaging of Atlanta filed objections to Hearing Officer's decision, 3/21/05. Northside Hospital filed objections to Hearing Officer's decision, 3/23/05. Due to scheduling difficulties, Review Board Vice-Chair granted an extension for the initial time period for review, 4/7/2005. Arguments before full Review Board scheduled for 5/13/2005 at 10:00 am.

**Review Board Decision:** Arguments before full Review Board was held on 5/13/2005. Review Board issued an Order on 5/25/2005 adopting the Hearing Officer's decision and affirming the Department's decision to issue a CON to Global.

**2004-039 First Source Diagnostic Center (Forsyth)**

**2004-050 Johns Creek Diagnostic Imaging Center**

2004-039 Procurement of MRI Equipment

2004-050 Develop an outpatient freestanding multi-modality DTRC

**Agency Decision:** First Source Diagnostic Center, Inc. approved on 9/24/2004; Johns Creek Diagnostic Imaging Center approved on 9/24/2004

**Appealed By:** Diagnostic Imaging of Atlanta requested hearing in opposition, 10/4/2004. Johns Creek Diagnostic Imaging Center requested hearing in opposition, 10/12/2004, and requested intervention in any appeal involving Diagnostic Imaging of Atlanta to the extent that such hearing is not consolidated with the hearing requested by Johns Creek. Northside Hospital requested hearing in opposition, 10/18/2004. Emory Dunwoody requested hearing in opposition, 10/20/2004. First Source Diagnostic moved to intervene in any proceedings regarding Johns Creek Diagnostic's application and its CON, 11/3/2004.

**Hearing Officer:** Walter Van Heiningen

**Hearing Date:** Hearing scheduled for 2/15-17/2005 at 9:30am. Hearing was held as scheduled.

**Hearing Decision:** Summary Judgment denying First Source a CON was issued 2/11/2005. Decision for Johns Creek Diagnostic Imaging Center is pending. On 3/16/05, First Source filed specific objections to the Summary Adjudication to the Review Board. Hearing Officer issued an Order extending the time for which an order should be promulgated to 5/14/2005. Hearing Officer issued Final Decision on 5/11/2005 and reversed the CON issued to Johns Creek. The Department filed specific objections to the decision of the Hearing Officer and requested oral argument to the Review Board, 6/15/2005. Review Board meeting scheduled 10:00 am on 7/15/2005.

**2004-048 Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital Imaging Center (Dougherty)**

**2004-054 Albany Diagnostic Center, LLC**

Development of Outpatient Imaging Center

**Agency Decision:** Phoebe Putney Memorial, Denied 11/5/2004; Albany Diagnostic Center, Denied 11/5/2004

**Appealed By:** Albany Diagnostic Center requested hearing on 11/9/2004; Phoebe Putney Memorial requestd hearing on 11/15/2004 and seeks intervention in any appeal regarding the joined application of Albany Diagnostic. Palmyra Park Hospital requested intervention in any appeal filed by Phoebe or Albany, 11/23/04. Open MRI & Imaging of Albany requested intervention in any appeal filed by Phoebe or Albany, 11/29/04.

**Hearing Officer:** Melvin Goldstein

**Hearing Date:** Hearing scheduled for 2/15/2005 - 2/18/2005. Hearing to be rescheduled. Hearing scheduled for 5/16-19/2005. Phoebe filed Motion to Dismiss Open MRI and Imaging of Albany for lack of standing. Albany Diagnostic joins Phoebe's Motion. Palmyra and the Department join Open MRI in opposing Phoebe's Motion. Hearing Officer denied Motion to Dismiss, 4/25/2005. Hearing held 5/16-19/2005, with final day of hearing scheduled 6/30/2005 at 10:00 am. Open MRI & Imaging withdrew its intervention/opposition, 6/27/2005.

**Hearing Decision:** Pending

**2004-055 WellStar Kennestone Hospital (Cobb)**

Addition of CyberKnife Stereotactic Radiosurgery Unit

**Agency Decision:** Approved 10/29/2004

**Appealed By:** Piedmont Hospital 11/24/2004

**Hearing Officer:** Ellwood Oakley

**Hearing Date:** Hearing scheduled for 3/21/2005 at 9:00 am. Hearing postponed. Hearing rescheduled 6/1-3/2005 at 9:00am. Hearing was held 6/1-3/2005.

**Hearing Decision:** pending

**2004-060 Northside Hospital - Cherokee (Cherokee)**

Establishment of Adult Cardiac Catheterization Services

**Agency Decision:** Approved 12/30/2004

**Appealed By:** Piedmont Hospital requested hearing in opposition, 1/27/2005.

**Hearing Officer:** William Joy

**Hearing Date:** Hearing scheduled for 7/26-28/2005 at 10:00 am

**2004-061 Radiotherapy Clinics of Georgia (DeKalb)**

Establishment of New Radiation Therapy Services

**Agency Decision:** Denied 10/21/2004

**Appealed By:** Radiotherapy Clinics of Georgia. Atlanta Oncology filed a Motion to Intervene, 11/30/2004. Hearing Officer issued order denying Atlanta Oncology's Motion to intervene, 4/1/2005.

**Hearing Officer:** William Joy



**Hearing Date:** Hearing scheduled 5/10-11/2005. Hearing postponed. Hearing scheduled 7/12-13/2005 at 10:00 am.

**2004-086 Surgical Centers of Georgia (Bibb)**

Addition of Third OR and Pain Management to Existing ASC

**Agency Decision:** Denied 1/25/2005

**Appealed By:** Applicant 2/2/2005

**Hearing Officer:** William Joy

**Hearing Date:** Hearing was held on 5/4/2005 at 10:00 am.

**Hearing Decision:** pending

**2004-095 Memorial Health University Medical Center, Inc. (Chatham)**

Construction and Relocation of 2 Existing Operating Rooms

**Agency Decision:** Approved 3/31/2005

**Appealed By:** Saint Joseph and Candler Hospitals requested hearing in opposition, 4/28/2005.

**Hearing Officer:** Sabrina Scott

**Hearing Date:** TBA

**2004-106 Gordon Hospital (Gordon)**

Establish Adult Diagnostic Cardiac Catheterization Service

**Agency Decision:** Denied, 4/18/2005

**Appealed By:** Applicant requested hearing on 5/9/2005. Hamilton Medical Center requested intervention (5/12/2005) and Floyd Medical Center requested intervention (5/13/2005) in any appeal filed by Gordon Hospital.

**Hearing Officer:** Melvin Goldstein

**Hearing Date:** TBA

## Appealed Determinations

**DET-2004-069 Atlanta Oncology Associates, PC – Northside/Alpharetta Cancer Treatment Center**  
Change location of its radiation therapy facility and linear accelerator. Request approved on 1/21/2004 but Department cancelled its determination on 4/28/2004. Applicant requested hearing on 5/28/2004. Clifford Weiss is Hearing Officer. Prior hearing officer assignment rescinded. Sabrina R. Scott is appointed hearing officer, 5/10/2005.

**DET- 2004-001 North Atlanta Scan Associates, Inc. (2004-CV-89690) (A05D0162)**

NASA requested hearing for the purpose of contesting the validity of a cease and desist letter issued by Department on 11/14/2003. Hearing Officer is Melvin Goldstein. Georgia Alliance of Community Hospitals, Inc. and Diagnostic Imaging of Atlanta have sought intervention. Hearing began 2/25/2004 and continued to 3/18-19/2004. Hearing Officer issued decision on 4/19/2004 denying NASA's appeal. On 6/30/2004, NASA filed Motion for Withdrawal of Final Agency Decision and Request for Rehearing, Reconsideration and Stay. On 7/14/2004, Commissioner Burgess denied NASA's motion. On 8/13/2004 NASA filed petition for judicial review in the Superior Court of Fulton County to stay the Department's decision and for injunctive relief. On 11/29/2004, Superior Court ordered NASA to cease and desist all operations at the Peachtree Dunwoody Road facility until it applies for and receives CON approval. DIA and Georgia Alliance mandamus actions were rendered moot. NASA filed an Emergency Motion for Enforcement of Supersedeas, which was granted by the Court of Appeals on 12/22/2004. NASA also filed an application for discretionary appeal, which was granted on 1/12/2005 by the Court of Appeals.

**DET-2004-079 United Medical System, dba PET Scans of America**

United Medical Systems requested hearing on 7/7/2004 to contest cease and desist order issued by Department on 6/17/2004. Hearing Officer is Clifford Weiss. Prior hearing officer assignment rescinded. William C. Joy is appointed hearing officer, 5/10/2005.

**DET-2004-036 Coliseum Medical Centers and Coliseum Surgery Center**

Requested transfer of four endoscopy procedure rooms from hospital to Same-Day Surgery Center without CON review. Denied 6/17/2004. Coliseum requested a hearing on 7/15/2004. Hearing Officer is Ellwood Oakley. Hearing scheduled 12/8-9/2004. Hearing to be rescheduled.

**1995-092-CAN Southern Crescent Rehabilitation & Retirement Center**

Requested hearing on 10/26/2004 for the purpose of contesting a Notice of Cancellation issued by the Department. Hearing Officer is Walter Van Heiningen.

**DET-2003-020-CAN Piedmont Hospital-Fayette Community Hospital**

Requested hearing on 11/12/2004 to contest cancellation of Determination Letter of 2/13/2003. Hearing Officer is Ellwood Oakley. Hearing scheduled for 3/7/2005 at 9:00 am. Hearing postponed. New hearing date pending.

**2004-039-C&D First Source Diagnostic Center, Inc.**

On 10/25/04, the Department issued a second Cease and Desist letter requiring First Source to cease offering MRI services until the resolution of all pending appeals. First Source requested hearing contesting this second cease and desist letter, 11/19/04. Hearing Officer is Walter Van Heiningen. Northside Hospital filed Motion to Intervene, 1/13/2005. Hearing was held 2/15-17/2005. See appealed CON.

**2004-039-CMP First Source Diagnostic Center, Inc.**

On 12/3/2004, the Department notified First Source that civil monetary penalties had been instituted due to violation of the CON Statute. First Source requested hearing on 12/30/2004 to contest the imposed fines. Hearing Officer is Walter Van Heiningen. Northside Hospital filed Motion to Intervene, 1/13/2005. Hearing was held 2/15-17/2005. See appealed CON Project 2004-039.

**LNR-MRI-2004-028 Neurology Specialists of Savannah, P.C.**

Acquire pre-owned MRI unit to be installed as part of a new full service neurology facility. Request denied 1/21/2005. Applicant requested hearing 2/2/2005. Ellwood Oakley is Hearing Officer. Hearing scheduled 6/6/2005 at 9:00 am.

**ICC-2005-001 Spanish Oaks Retreat, Inc.**

Requested hearing to contest monetary penalty which the Department imposed due to a shortfall in the indigent and charity care commitment. Melvin Goldstein is Hearing Officer.

**DET-2004-089 Piedmont Hospital**

Requested hearing challenging the Department's order dated 6/1/2005 to cease operation of its Varian Trilogy linear accelerator system.

## **Requests for LNR for Establishment of Physician-Owned Ambulatory Surgery Facilities**

**LNR-ASC-2004-027 Foot & Ankle Center of Middle Georgia, LLC**

Establish a physician-owned, single specialty, ambulatory surgery center

**Site:** 1040 Morningside Drive, Perry, GA

**Number of OR's:** 1                      **Specialty:** Podiatry

**Physician(s) authorization requested:** 1 - Sarvepalli D. Jokhai

**Project costs as submitted:** \$478,032.35

**Request received:** 9/8/2004

**Contact person:** Roger N. Phillips, (770) 335-9797

**Determination:** Pending                      **Determination Date:**

**LNR-ASC-2005-002 Gainesville Eye Associates, LLC**

Construct a physician-owned, single specialty, office-based ambulatory surgery center

**Site:** 2061 Beverly Road, Gainesville, GA

**Number of OR's:** 2                      **Specialty:** Ophthalmology

**Physician(s) authorization requested:** 2

**Project costs as submitted:** \$1,146,775

**Request received:** 2/7/2005

**Contact person:** Edward C. Luke, Jr., (770) 951-8427

**Determination:** Pending                      **Determination Date:**

**LNR-ASC-2005-005 Center for Spine & Pain Medicine, P.c.**

Establish a physician-owned, single specialty, office-based ambulatory surgery center  
**Site:** Northpark Subdivision, Whitfield County, GA (specific address not yet available)  
**Number of OR's:** 1 **Specialty:** Pain Management  
**Physician(s) authorization requested:** 1  
**Project costs as submitted:** \$1,397,313.53  
**Request received:** 3/28/2005  
**Contact person:** Robin Beatty, (404) 725-8786 or (770) 516-1775  
**Determination:** Pending **Determination Date:**

**LNR-ASC-2005-006 Northeast Endoscopy Center, LLC**

Establish a physician-owned, single specialty, office-based ambulatory surgery center.  
**Site:** 721 Wellness Way, Lawrenceville, GA  
**Number of OR's:** 3 **Specialty:** Gastroenterology  
**Physician(s) authorization requested:** 4  
**Project costs as submitted:** \$1,403,698  
**Request received:** 4/4/2005  
**Contact Person:** Edward C. Luke, Jr., (770) 951-8427  
**Determination:** Pending **Determination Date:**

**LNR-ASC-2005-007 North Georgia Institute for Wound Care, LLC**

Establish a physician-owned, single specialty, office-based ambulatory surgery center  
**Site:** 250 Pirkle Road, Suite C, Cumming, GA  
**Number of OR's:** 1 **Specialty:** Wound Management  
**Physician(s) authorization requested:** 1  
**Project costs as submitted:** \$336,521.00  
**Request received:** 4/13/2005  
**Contact Person:** Edward C. Luke, Jr., (770) 951-8427  
**Determination:** Pending **Determination Date:**

**LNR-ASC-2005-008 Forsyth Street Orthopaedic Surgery & Rehabilitation Center, P.C.**

Establish a physician-owned, single specialty, office-based ambulatory surgery center  
**Site:** 1716 Forsyth Street, Macon, GA  
**Number of OR's:** 2 **Specialty:** Orthopaedics  
**Physician(s) authorization requested:** 6  
**Project costs as submitted:** \$1,484,099.75  
**Request received:** 4/15/2005  
**Contact Person:** Gayle R. Evans, (770) 794-4944  
**Determination:** Pending **Determination Date:**

**LNR-ASC-2005-009 Southeastern Pain Ambulatory Surgery Center, LLC**

Establish a physician-owned, single specialty ambulatory surgery center  
**Site:** 1140 Hammond Drive, Building E, Atlanta, GA 30326  
**Number of OR's:** 2 **Specialty:** Pain Medicine  
**Physician(s) authorization requested:** 2  
**Project costs as submitted:** \$1,027,045.20  
**Request received:** 6/6/2005  
**Contact Person:** Daniel Mohan, (404) 504-7610  
**Determination:** Pending **Determination Date:**

**LNR-ASC-2005-010 Urological Surgical Partners, LLC**

Develop a physician-owned, single specialty, office-based ambulatory surgery center  
**Site:** 5673 Peachtree Dunwoody Road, Doctors Center Four Bldg., Suite 900, Atlanta, GA 30342  
**Number of OR's:** 3 **Specialty:** Urology  
**Physician(s) authorization requested:** 4  
**Project costs as submitted:** \$1,054,250.00  
**Request received:** 6/10/2005  
**Contact Person:** Renita L. Spining, (404) 255-3822

**Determination:** Pending      **Determination Date:**

**LNR-ASC-2005-011 Specialty Spine Intervention Center, PC**

Develop a physician-owned, single specialty, office-based ambulatory surgery center.

**Site:** 1240 Jesse Jewell Parkway, Suite 360, Gainesville, GA 30501

**Number of OR's:** 2      **Specialty:** Pain Management

**Physician(s) authorization requested:** 2

**Project costs as submitted:** \$530,378.84

**Request received:** 6/17/2005

**Contact Person:** Daniel J. Mohan, (404) 504-7610

**Determination:** Pending      **Determination Date:**

## Requests for LNR for Diagnostic or Therapeutic Equipment

**LNR-EQT-2005-009 Augusta Cardiology Clinic, PC, Augusta, Richmond County, Georgia**

Request to acquire by operational lease a Siemens SOMATOM Sensation 16 Multi-Slice CT Scanner for use in practice-based imaging

**Site:** 3624 J. Dewey Gray Circle, Suite 270, Augusta, Georgia 30909

**Value as Submitted:** \$732,000.00      **Request Received:** 4/4/2005

**Contact Person:** Vickie Echols (706) 724-3473

**Determination:** Letter Issued      **Determination Date:** 6/6/2005

**LNR-EQT-2005-010 Open MRI & Imaging of Georgia, Inc. d/b/a MRI & Imaging of Habersham, Demorest, Habersham County, Georgia**

Request to acquire by purchase a fixed-based GE Profile III MRI Scanner for use in freestanding single-modality imaging center

**Site:** 638 Historic Highway 441 North, Demorest, Georgia 30535

**Value as Submitted:** \$710,397.50      **Request Received:** 4/8/2005

**Contact Person:** John K. Luke (770) 300-0101

**Determination:** Letter Issued      **Determination Date:** 5/25/2005

**LNR-EQT-2005-011 Urology Center of Columbus, LLC, Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia**

Request to acquire by purchase a fixed-based GE Gold Seal CTi system for use in practice-based imaging

**Site:** 2100 North Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31904

**Value as Submitted:** \$352,380.00      **Request Received:** 4/28/2005

**Contact Person:** Dr. William M. Harper IV (706) 653-9637

**Determination:** Letter Issued      **Determination Date:** 6/13/2005

**LNR-EQT-2005-012 Douglas MRI, LLC, Douglas, Coffee County, Georgia**

Request to acquire by purchase a fixed-based ARTOSCAN Extremity MRI unit for use in practice-based imaging

**Site:** 204 Westside Drive, Douglas, Georgia

**Value as Submitted:** \$269,142.00      **Request Received:** 4/29/2005

**Contact Person:** Jeanne Tucker (912) 283-6471

**Determination:** Letter Issued      **Determination Date:** 6/13/2005

**LNR-EQT-2005-013 Emory Adventist Hospital, Smyrna, Cobb County, Georgia**

Request to acquire by operational lease a fixed-based ONI Medical Systems OrthoOneXT MRI unit for use in hospital

**Site:** 3969 South Cobb Drive, Suite 101, Smyrna, Georgia

**Value as Submitted:** \$508,950.00      **Request Received:** 4/29/2005

**Contact Person:** Everette B. Jenkins (678) 625-4720

**Determination:** Letter Issued      **Determination Date:** 6/13/2005

**LNR-EQT-2005-014 The Emory Clinic, Atlanta, DeKalb County, Georgia**

Request to acquire by capital lease an Allegretto Wave 1038 Laser

**Site:** 875 Johnson Ferry Road, Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia

**Value as Submitted:** \$505,626.00                      **Request Received:** 5/12/2005  
**Contact Person:** Jeffrey C. Baxter (404) 817-6247  
**Determination:** Pending                                      **Determination Date:**

**LNR-EQT-2005-015 Candler Hospital, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia**  
Request to acquire by purchase a fixed-based GE Medical Systems 1.5T Signa EXCITE EchoSpeed+ MRI for use in hospital-based imaging  
**Site:** 5353 Reynolds Street, Savannah, Georgia 31405  
**Value as Submitted:** \$757,000.00                      **Request Received:** 5/13/2005  
**Contact Person:** Michele P. Madison, Esq. (912) 819-5293  
**Determination:** Letter Issued                                      **Determination Date:** 6/14/2005

**LNR-EQT-2005-016 Athens Regional Medical Center, Athens, Clarke County, Georgia**  
Request to acquire by purchase a fixed-based Siemens Somatom Emotion 16 Slice CT Scanner for use for hospital-based imaging  
**Site:** 3320 Jefferson Road, Building 200, Suite A, Athens, Georgia 30606  
**Value as Submitted:** \$757,264.00                      **Request Received:** 6/6/2005  
**Contact Person:** Norman D. Burkett, Jr. (706) 475-3013  
**Determination:** Letter Issued                                      **Determination Date:** 6/16/2005

**LNR-EQT-2005-017 Albany ENT Sinus and Allergy Clinic, Albany, Dougherty County, Georgia**  
Request to acquire by purchase a fixed-based Xoran Technologies MiniCAT for ENT CT Scanner for use in practice-based imaging  
**Site:** 605 Pointe North Boulevard, Albany, Georgia 31721  
**Value as Submitted:** \$196,500.00                      **Request Received:** 6/9/2005  
**Contact Person:** Lesli Todd (229) 435-9878  
**Determination:** Pending    **Determination Date:**

**LNR-EQT-2005-018 Northside Hospital-Cherokee, Canton, Cherokee County, Georgia**  
Request to acquire by operational lease a fixed-based Siemens Concerto MR Scanner for use in freestanding single-modality imaging center  
**Site:** 15 Reinhardt College Parkway, Suite 104, Canton, Cherokee County, Georgia 30114  
**Value as Submitted:** \$568,989.00                      **Request Received:** 5/31/2005  
**Contact Person:** Brian Toporek (404) 851-6821  
**Determination:** Pending    **Determination Date:**

**LNR-EQT-2005-019 Neurology Associates, LLP, Macon, Bibb County, Georgia**  
Request to acquire by purchase a reconditioned fixed-based GE 1.5T HiSpeed MRI for use in practice-based imaging  
**Site:** 673 Pine Street, Macon, Bibb County, Georgia 31201  
**Value as Submitted:** \$763,027.36                      **Request Received:** 7/1/2005  
**Contact Person:** Alan H. Rumph, Esq. (478) 743-4436  
**Determination:** Pending    **Determination Date:**

## Requests for Miscellaneous Letters of Determination

**DET-2005-018 Diagnostic Systems of Georgia, LLC, Athens, Clarke County, Georgia**  
Request for determination regarding associated and simultaneous development  
**Request Received:** 3/16/2005  
**Contact Person:** Richard Gray (706) 354-1036  
**Determination:** Pending    **Determination Date:**

**DET-2005-025 Floyd Medical Center, Rome, Floyd County, Georgia**  
Request for determination regarding expenditures to remediate sub-surface problems associated with Project No. GA 2003-051  
**Request Received:** 4/6/2005  
**Contact Person:** Dan Sweitzer (706) 509-3259

**Determination:** Reviewable as Proposed

**Determination Date:** 6/14/2005

**DET-2005-028 The Hospital Authority of Houston County d/b/a Houston Medical Center, Warner Robins, Houston County, Georgia**

Request for determination regarding relocation of Accounting/Business Office from main hospital to remote leased space

**Request Received:** 4/26/2005

**Contact Person:** Arthur P. Christie (478) 542-7740

**Determination:** Reviewable as Proposed

**Determination Date:** 6/9/2005

**DET-2005-029 The Hospital Authority of Houston County d/b/a Houston Medical Center, Warner Robins, Houston County, Georgia**

Request for determination regarding renovation of existing space within hospital to create a second C-Section room

**Request Received:** 4/26/2005

**Contact Person:** Arthur P. Christie (478) 542-7740

**Determination:** Non-Reviewable as Proposed

**Determination Date:** 6/14/2005

**DET-2005-030 The Hospital Authority of Houston County d/b/a Houston Medical Center, Warner Robins, Houston County, Georgia**

Request for determination regarding proposal to re-open two of three closed inpatient general operating rooms

**Request Received:** 4/26/2005

**Contact Person:** Arthur P. Christie (478) 542-7740

**Determination:** Non-Reviewable as Proposed

**Determination Date:** 6/14/2005

**DET-2005-031 The Hospital Authority of Houston County d/b/a Houston Medical Center, Warner Robins, Houston County, Georgia**

Request for determination regarding proposal to convert psychiatric beds to med/surg beds within licensed capacity

**Request Received:** 4/28/2005

**Contact Person:** Arthur P. Christie (478) 542-7740

**Determination:** Reviewable under General Considerations

**Determination Date:** 6/9/2005

**DET-2005-032 Evans Memorial Hospital, Claxton, Evans County, Georgia**

Request for determination regarding replacement of 6 hospital beds at a cost below the capital expenditure threshold

**Request Received:** 4/29/2005

**Contact Person:** Ron Gilliard (912) 739-5102

**Determination:** Non-Reviewable as Proposed

**Determination Date:** 6/14/2005

**DET-2005-033 CareSouth HHA Holdings, Inc., Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia  
CarePartners @ Home of Georgia I, Inc.**

Request for transfer of Gwinnett County from authorized home health service area of CareSouth HHA Holdings to the service area of CarePartners @ Home of Georgia I

**Request Received:** 5/4/2005

**Contact Person:** Kelly C. Tripp (706) 854-7428

**Determination:** Non-Reviewable as Proposed

**Determination Date:** 6/13/2005

**DET-2005-034 Gwinnett Medical Center, Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, Georgia**

Request for determination regarding replacement of one cardiac catheterization unit

**Request Received:** 5/6/2005

**Contact Person:** Mark M. Mullin (678) 442-4193

**Determination:** Non-Reviewable as Proposed

**Determination Date:** 6/14/2005

**DET-2005-036 Candler Hospital, Inc., Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia**

Request for determination regarding replacement of CT Scanner

**Request Received:** 5/12/2005

**Contact Person:** Michele P. Madison, Esq. (912) 819-5293

**Determination:** Non-Reviewable as Proposed

**Determination Date:** 6/14/2005

**DET-2005-037 Medical Center of Central Georgia, Bibb County, Georgia**

Request for determination regarding cost overrun associated with Project No. GA 2002-026

**Request Received:** 5/16/2005

**Contact Person:** Marvin Noles (478) 633-6960

**Determination:** Determination Issued

**Determination Date:** 6/14/2005

**DET-2005-038 Tift Regional Medical Center, Tift County, Georgia**

Request for determination regarding capital expenditures below threshold to build out existing equipment room in surgery suite into OR

**Request Received:** 5/25/2005

**Contact Person:** Sarah S. Thompson (229) 386-6102

**Determination:** Non-Reviewable as Proposed

**Determination Date:** 6/14/2005

**DET-2005-039 WellStar Windy Hill Hospital, Marietta, Cobb County, Georgia**

Request for determination regarding capital expenditures below threshold to renovate patient care areas

**Request Received:** 5/27/2005

**Contact Person:** Debbie Jefferson (770) 792-5264

**Determination:** Non-Reviewable as Proposed

**Determination Date:** 6/14/2005

**DET-2005-040 Ridgeview Institute, Inc., Smyrna, Cobb County, Georgia**

Request for determination regarding construction of building addition including seven patient rooms

**Request Received:** 6/6/2005

**Contact Person:** John W. Ray, Esq. (404) 892-3600

**Determination:** Non-Reviewable as Proposed

**Determination Date:** 6/14/2005

**DET-2005-041 WellStar Cobb Hospital, Austell, Cobb County, Georgia**

Request for determination regarding replacement of existing cath lab equipment

**Request Received:** 6/10/2005

**Contact Person:** Debbie Jefferson (770) 792-5264

**Determination:** Non-Reviewable as Proposed

**Determination Date:** 6/14/2005

**DET-2005-042 Emanuel Medical Center, Swainsboro, Emanuel County, Georgia**

Request for determination regarding construction of new Department of Laboratory Medicine

**Request Received:** 6/20/2005

**Contact Person:** Robert L. Via (478) 289-1304

**Determination:** Pending

**Determination Date:**

**DET-2005-043 WellStar Cobb Hospital, Austell, Cobb County, Georgia**

Request for determination regarding replacement of existing CT scanner

**Request Received:** 6/28/2005

**Contact Person:** Caroline Aultman (770) 792-1542

**Determination:** Pending

**Determination Date:**

**DET-2005-044 St. Mary's Health Care System, Athens, Clarke County, Georgia**

Request for determination regarding replacement of cardiac catheterization equipment

**Request Received:** 7/1/2005

**Contact Person:** Jonathan Johnson (706) 353-8840

**Determination:** Pending

**Determination Date:**

## **Requests for Extended Implementation/Performance Period**

none

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## **IMAGING UPDATE**

### **Imaging Initiative and Guidelines for Submitting Certificate of Need Applications**

The Department of Community Health's Division of Health Planning, along with some collaboration from CON has developed and begun a major imaging initiative for CON Regulatory Compliance, Health Planning and Data Management documents. The Division implemented the testing phase of its imaging initiative in April that includes imaging of all CON applications, Health Planning rules and component plans, and Data Management need projections, surveys, threshold guidelines, etc. The imaging initiative is extensive and affords greater public review and access capability. The Department will continue to update more details and information on the imaging initiative in upcoming Tracking and Appeals Reports for your convenience. Please forward any questions regarding the imaging initiative to Doris Berry at 404-656-0462.

In accordance with new CON rules and regulations adopted on January 5, 2005, please follow the following guidelines below when submitting a CON application:

- the signed original application must not be hole punched, stapled or otherwise bound;
- the three copies must be three-hole punched, but must not be stapled or otherwise bound;
- each original application and the three copies should be bound with a rubber band;



- the application must be submitted on the Department's application and supplemental forms only that are available at the Department's website;
- the application must be one-sided 8.5 by 11-inch paper only. Please remember that print is allowed on only one side of the paper. Also drawings or schematics must be reduced to fit on the standard size 8.5 by 11-inch paper. If submitted drawings or schematics can not be reduced to fit 8.5 by 11-inch paper, the document may be submitted on a compact disc (CD);
- catalogues and other bound booklets that are included with an application should be submitted on compact disc (CD) to be imaged with the application;
- the original application and each copy must have separator tabs between the sections (appendices);
- the original application and each copy must also have colored paper between the appendices and each document within a particular appendix;
- if any appendix, A-O, etc., is not applicable to the project application, a colored paper separator indicating that the appendix is not applicable is required; and
- all documents in the application must be legible and clear to produce quality imaging. The Department will accept a compact disc (CD) copy of an application, which would be in addition to the required original application and three copies

Most of the information provided above is also included on the application instruction page iii for applicant convenience. It is important to follow the directions and requirements for properly submitting the application to avoid a delay in the Department's official receipt of the application and to insure that the application meets the standards for appropriate imaging by the Department.