



State of Tennessee

Health Facilities Commission

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Date: April 15, 2026

To: HFC Members

From: Logan Grant, Executive Director

Re: CONSENT CALENDAR JUSTIFICATION
Prisma Health Imaging Center - Fairview – CN2602-003

The establishment of an outpatient diagnostic center (ODC) at an unaddressed site located on Hwy 411, adjacent to 2409 and 2441 Hwy 411, Maryville (Blount County), Tennessee 37801.

As permitted by Statute and further explained by Commission Rule later in this memo, I have placed this application on the Consent Calendar based upon my determination that the application appears to meet the established criteria for granting a Certificate of Need.

Need, Consumer Advantage Attributed to Competition, and Quality Standards appear to have been demonstrated as detailed below.

At the time the application entered the review cycle, it was not opposed. If the application is opposed prior to it being heard, it will be moved to the bottom of the regular agenda and the applicant will make a full presentation.¹

Summary

The applicant will establish a new freestanding outpatient diagnostic center (ODC) offering a range of imaging modalities including a 1.5T MRI unit, 128 Slice CT, X-ray, mammography, and ultrasound.

There are no licensed ODCs in either Blount or Monroe County.

The applicant's ultimate owner, Prisma Health, operates the only hospital in Blount County – Prisma Blount Memorial Hospital, which is a safety net hospital.

¹ Commission Rule 0720-10-.04(a) provides that the "next regular agenda" means the next regular calendar to be considered at the same monthly meeting.



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Executive Director Justification

This application has been placed on the Consent Calendar, based upon my determination that the application appears to meet the established criteria for granting a Certificate of Need.

- **Need** – *There are no licensed ODCs in Blount or Monroe County, limiting the number of affordable imaging facilities accessible by all residents. The applicant states that MRI imaging services performed in an ODC setting will result in average savings of 50% vs hospital-based services reducing costs to patients and payors. The introduction of an outpatient imaging site will support decompression of hospital based imaging units, improving diagnosis and care planning, geographic access and convenience for patients while allowing emergent cases to be prioritized in hospital-based units.*
- **Consumer Advantage Attributed to Competition** – *The establishment of a non-hospital-based imaging center will expand consumer choice in the service area, offering a lower cost, more convenient option for patients.*
- **Quality** – *The applicant will maintain Medicare and TennCare certification and accreditation with the American College of Radiology (ACR). All procedures will be performed under Prisma Health's established quality, safety and compliance policies and standards.*