

WHEREAS, Acute care hospitals are health care facilities under the terms and provisions of the Comprehensive Health Planning Act, Article 41, § 59C, of the Annotated Code of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, A health care facility cannot acquire a computerized tomographic (C/T) scanner without a Certificate of Need issued by the Maryland Health Planning and Development Agency, a constituent agency of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene of the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Four acute care hospitals, each licensed for over 400 acute care beds, have applied for Certificates of Need for C/T Scanners and have had their applications pending since 1977 without having been afforded the opportunity for an evidentiary hearing under the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act of the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, It is in the public interest to permit the hospitals the opportunity to present information and evidence to the Health Planning and Development Agency so that the public may be informed concerning C/T Scanners; and

WHEREAS, The efficacy of the C/T Scanner for diagnosis of many head and body complaints has been established; and

WHEREAS, The July, 1979 State Health Plan mentioned the existence of private C/T Scanners, but did not include these C/T Scanners in the determination of availability needs for HSA populations; and

WHEREAS, It appears that an acute care hospital which offers emergency care services and neurosurgical services should have an on-site C/T Scanner to enable it to render an appropriate level of care to its patients; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene is urged to direct the Maryland Health Planning and Development Agency to conduct further hearings on applications for Certificates of Need filed by Franklin Square Hospital, Union Memorial Hospital, Maryland General Hospital, and Baltimore City Hospitals; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in making any determination as to regional need for C/T Scanners, the Maryland Health Planning and Development Agency shall not take into consideration any C/T Scanner which has not received a Certificate of Need; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the standards for the issuance of a Certificate of Need for the acquisition of a computerized tomographic C/T Scanner should permit any health care facility which has at least 300 licensed beds, an emergency

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