

Cambridge Public Health Commission, d/b/a Cambridge Health Alliance

DoN # CHA-22061514-RE

APPLICANT QUESTIONS

Responses should be sent to DoN staff at DPH.DON@State.MA.US

While you may submit each answer as available, please

- List question number and question for each answer you provide
- Submit responses as a separate word document, using the above application title and number as a running header and page numbers in the footer
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- Submit responses in WORD or EXCEL; only use PDF's if absolutely necessary. **Whenever possible, include a table in data format (NOT pdf or picture) with the response.**

In order for us to review this project in a timely manner, please provide the responses by January 5, 2022.

Factor 1a - Patient Panel Need

1. Applicant notes that, "different types of isotopes are used for each type of scan, meaning that cardiac scans must be done on a different day than oncology/neurology scans. As a result, the Applicant has determined that the clinical needs of its underserved Patient Panel will support offering three (3) days of PET-CT services." (Narrative p.7) Please provide details on how the Applicant determined that 3 days per week would meet the projected growth in scan volume, including the number of days the equipment would be available for each type of isotope.

The Applicant determined that it would need three days a week to meet the projected growth for PET-CT services as well as have flexibility to meet its Patient Panel needs. When the Proposed Project is fully implemented, the Applicant plans to operate the PET-CT services at least two days a week for oncology/neurology scans and use the third day either for cardiac scans or additional oncology/neurology scans as needed. There is the ability to use the PET-CT services for cardiac scans for a half day based on need.

2. With regard to the projected growth in PET-CT scan volume, Narrative p.7 states, "Applying the national average of referrals per provider for PET-CT services to the CHA Patient Panel, CHA has estimated that the PET-CT scan volume will be in the range of 296 in year 1, 624 in year 2, 912 in year 3 and 936 in years 4 and 5." Please provide an explanation for the significant growth in volume from year 1 to year 2 in the projections.

The significant growth in volume from year 1 to year 2 in the projections is because Year 1 includes a ramp up period where the Applicant would see 4 patient a day for 2 months and then move to a full schedule of 6 patients per day. In Year 2, the Applicant has projected that both days will operate at full capacity of 6 patients per day.

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