* April 6, 2020

Margo Michaels, Director

Determination of Need Program

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

250 Washington Street

Boston, MA 02108

**RE: Requesting Determination of Need (DoN) Approval for projects related to**

**COVID-19 during the State of Emergency**

Dear Director Michaels:

Shields Signature Imaging, LLC (Shields), respectfully requests the Determination of Need Program's (DoN) permission to temporarily relocate its mobile PET/CT from its DoN licensed mobile pad on the Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital campus at 680 Center Street Brockton, MA 02302 to Shields MRI 265 Westgate Drive Brockton, MA 02301.

Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital has requested that the mobile PET/CT be temporarily relocated so that the Hospital can accommodate a mobile morgue in preparation for a COVID-19 surge. Shields therefore respectfully requests a temporary relocation of this service. There is no cost associated with this request.

As you know, PET /CT is used to stage patients awaiting treatment planning, treatment and success of treatment for patients with a cancer diagnosis. Both Shields and its joint venture partner, Signature Healthcare Brockton Hospital, would like to continue to provide this essential service to its patients while also accommodating the need for additional space related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this important matter. Please feel free to contact me should you have any further questions or comments.

Sincerely,

 <signature on file>

Peter Ferrari, President

Shields Health Care Group

cc: Kim Hollon, President and CEO

Signature Healthcare Brocton Hospital