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Re: Docket No. GMCB-012-22con. UVMMC Replacement CT Scanner with Associated Renovations and Construction of a Mobile Pad Addition to the Essex Primary Care Facility. Project Cost: $3,456,928.

Dear Donna:

This letter is in response to the March 17, 2023 request from the Green Mountain Care Board (the "Board" or "GMCB") for information regarding the proposed purchase of a replacement CT scanner at UVMMC and construction of the related mobile pad addition at Essex Primary Care. The questions are bolded and followed by our response in the pages that follow.

1. **In a table format, for the five highest volumes (use same listing shown on table, page 3 of Response to Questions Q002 dated January 13, 2023) for the existing 64-slice CT, show the average allowed amount for commercial payers both with and without contrast for calendar year 2021 and 2021.**

Exam Charge on Spectral CT (Future State)	Cost of "with only" (contrast is digitally removed, meaning one scan is used to produce two images: one with contrast and one without (original submission)	Cost of "with only" (contrast is digitally removed, meaning one scan is used to produce two images: one with contrast and one without (Updated March 2023 cost)	CY21 Average Commercial Reimbursement	CY22 Average Commercial Reimbursement
CT Abdomen with contrast	$3,537.00	$4,057.00	$2,849.94	$3,094.41
CT Abdomen/Pelvis with contrast	$6,351.00	$7,035.00	$4,261.30	$4,817.05
CT Chest with contrast	$3,911.00	$4,358.00	$3,350.67	$3,548.83
CT Head with contrast	$3,076.00	$3,399.00	$2,249.41	$2,277.96
CT Soft Tissue Neck with contrast	$3,101.00	$3,485.00	$2,465.55	$2,631.39
Exam as ordered currently on 64 slice CT				
CT Abdomen with/without contrast	$4,310.00	$4,762.00	$3,399.30	$3,630.09
CT Abdomen/Pelvis with/without contrast	$8,235.00	$5,871.00	$4,132.32	$4,390.98
CT Chest with/without contrast	$4,384.00	$4,358.00	$3,350.67	$3,548.83
CT Head with/without contrast	$3,671.00	$4,056.00	$2,914.55	$3,216.62
CT Soft Tissue Neck with/without contrast	$3,505.00	$3,873.00	$3,012.83	$3,114.65

2. **In a table format, for the five highest volumes (use same listing shown on table, page 3 of Response to Questions Q002 dated January 13, 2023) for the proposed Spectral CT, show the projected average allowed amount for commercial payers both with and without contrast for the first two calendar years the proposed Spectral CT is in use.**

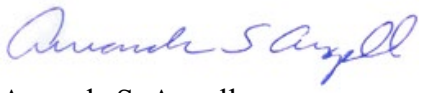
Exam Charge on Spectral CT (Future State)	**CY23 Projected Average Commercial Reimbursement***
CT Abdomen with contrast	$3,562.17
CT Abdomen/Pelvis with contrast	$5,632.68
CT Chest with contrast	$3,986.38
CT Head with contrast	$2,700.40
CT Soft Tissue Neck with contrast	$3,038.48
Exam as ordered currently on 64 slice CT	
CT Abdomen with/without contrast	$4,264.86
CT Abdomen/Pelvis with/without contrast	$5,094.89
CT Chest with/without contrast	$3,986.38
CT Head with/without contrast	$3,751.01
CT Soft Tissue Neck with/without contrast	$3,590.66

*The CY23 amounts are based on an estimated, anticipated average commercial reimbursement using the top five scan volumes for CY22 (noting that UVMMC remains in negotiations with one commercial payor for CY23).

At this time, we are unable to provide a projected average reimbursement for year two. The CY24 reimbursement amounts have not been negotiated across all commercial payors nor has UVMMC determined the anticipated necessary commercial rate increase as part of its budget process that would inform this projection. Further, UVMMC does not create payor reimbursement projections at the CPT-code level by payor due to the number of variables involved in each service offered by the hospital across multiple settings/billing types (i.e., inpatient, outpatient, professional).

Please contact me if you have any questions concerning our responses.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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