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PURPOSE:

To clarify responsibility for the management of radiology equipment in Department of Health Services (DHS) facilities and to ensure that radiology equipment acquired (purchased by, leased by, loaned to or donated to) DHS facilities complies with the standards established for such equipment.

POLICY:

The Department of Radiology in each facility shall be responsible for ensuring all radiology equipment acquired in each facility meet the DHS equipment standard.

For purposes of this policy, radiology equipment shall include diagnostic, radiographic, fluoroscopic, ultrasound, magnetic resonance, nuclear medicine, radiation therapy (except in those facilities where radiation oncology is a separate department), and interventional radiology equipment.

The Department of Radiology in each facility shall be responsible for ensuring that radiology equipment acquired in each facility meets DHS equipment standard, Information Technology standard and the guidelines established by licensing and accrediting agencies.

GUIDE:

Each facility shall ensure that radiology equipment specifications for equipment to be acquired by the facility are reviewed and approved in writing by the facility's Chairman of the Department of Radiology prior to submittal of the request to Supply Chain Operations to

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ensure compliance with the DHS equipment standards established for such radiology equipment.

Each facility shall develop procedures that ensure that departments other than the Department of Radiology consult with the facility Department of Radiology prior to requesting radiology equipment to ensure that: 1) the equipment requested is appropriate to the needs and not an unnecessary duplication; 2) the equipment requested complies with DHS equipment standards established for such radiology equipment; 3) the equipment requested complies with Information Technology standards of integration with the electronic medical records and other like systems; and 4) the radiology equipment acquired is managed by the Department of Radiology to ensure efficient and optimal utilization of the equipment.

Each facility shall develop procedures regarding implementation of the above policy.

EQUIPMENT:

Radiology equipment to which this policy applies include:

- Radiographic (including dental)
- Radiographic/Fluoroscopic
- Angiography (all types)
- Magnetic Resonance (MR)
- Computed Tomography (CT)
- Ultrasound
- Mammography
- Nuclear Medicine
- Radiation Therapy

REFERENCE/AUTHORITY:

Joint Commission Accreditation Requirements