

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING A PROPOSED HEALTH CARE PROJECT

Notice of Intent to File an Application for Determination of Need

Pursuant to 105 CMR 100.405(C) — Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Dated: March 26, 2026

1. APPLICANT

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2. HEALTH CARE FACILITY

Facility Name: Hampden & Franklin County Cardiovascular Associates, P.C.

Address of Proposed Project: 141 King Street, Northampton, MA 01060

Type of Facility: Freestanding Physician Practice / Ambulatory Cardiology Clinic

3. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED PROJECT

Hampden & Franklin County Cardiovascular Associates, P.C. ("HFCCA" or "Applicant") hereby provides notice of its intent to file an Application for Determination of Need with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for the acquisition and installation of one (1) Positron Emission Tomography/Computed Tomography (PET/CT) scanner at its existing cardiology practice location in Northampton, Massachusetts.

The proposed project constitutes the initial acquisition of DoN-required imaging equipment and the initial provision of cardiac PET/CT imaging services at this facility. The PET/CT system will be dedicated to cardiac imaging, including myocardial perfusion imaging (MPI) and cardiac viability assessment, serving the Applicant's existing cardiology patient panel and referred patients within the Hampden and Franklin County service area.

The Proposed Project represents a clinical and technological advancement over Single Photon Emission Computed Tomography (SPECT) imaging, which currently serves as the standard of care for a significant portion of the Applicant's cardiac imaging patients. Cardiac PET offers superior diagnostic accuracy, higher sensitivity and specificity, and lower radiation exposure than SPECT, enabling the Applicant to provide state-of-the-art imaging without requiring patients to travel outside the region.

4. TOTAL VALUE OF PROPOSED PROJECT

The estimated Total Value of the Proposed Project is approximately **\$1,401,240**, which includes hard construction costs of approximately \$382,534 (per GCS Proposal #2026-659), equipment costs of \$950,000 (capitalized value of PET/CT scanner), and estimated soft costs of approximately \$68,706, including a 10% construction contingency. Certain soft cost line items (architecture and engineering, radiation shielding design, legal/regulatory counsel, permitting) remain subject to final vendor confirmation and will be updated in the Application as finalized.

5. ANTICIPATED PRICE AND SERVICE IMPACTS ON PATIENT PANEL

The Proposed Project is not expected to cause any negative effects on the Applicant's existing patient panel's prices or services. On the contrary, offering cardiac PET/CT imaging in a physician practice setting is likely to lower the overall cost of cardiac diagnostic imaging for patients who currently rely solely on hospital outpatient departments for PET technology, which usually have higher facility fees. The Applicant's practice-based model is anticipated to generate significant cost savings per procedure compared to hospital-based services alternatives.

Additionally, the Proposed Project will materially improve access to advanced cardiac imaging for patients in Hampden and Franklin Counties, who currently must travel to Boston, Hartford, or other distant facilities to access cardiac PET services. Establishing this capability locally is expected to reduce the travel burden, improve continuity of care, and increase the timeliness of diagnosis for patients with suspected or established coronary artery disease.

6. TEN TAXPAYER REGISTRATION NOTICE

Any ten (10) Taxpayers of Massachusetts may register in connection with this intended Application by no later than May 8, 2026, or 30 days from the Filing Date, whichever is later, by contacting:

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Determination of Need Program

250 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02108

Email: DPH.DON@State.MA.US

Phone: (617)624-5690

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SIMULTANEOUS DISTRIBUTION (per 105 CMR 100.405(C) and (B)):

- Massachusetts Department of Public Health — Determination of Need Program (Attn: DON Program)
- Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General
- Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA)
- Health Policy Commission (HPC)
- All Government Agencies with relevant licensure or regulatory oversight of the Proposed Project
- All carriers and third-party administrators with which HFCCA contracts, including Medicare and Medicaid

This has also been published to the Legal Notice section AND local news/interest section of daily newspaper(s) in Northampton, MA and affected cities/towns; and prominently on the HFCCA practice website.