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GEORGIA REGULATORY ALERT

New X-Ray Unit Installation Update March 1, 2004

Current regulations require all users of radiation machines in Georgia to register with the Georgia Department of Human Resources. Effective immediately, the Department will enforce the requirement that x-ray machines are verified to be in compliance with applicable regulations published in Rules and Regulations for X-rays, Chapter 290-5-22. The user must certify to the Department in the registration application that compliance with the regulations has been determined through inspection. This means that all newly installed or registered radiation producing machines (including bone densitometry, mammography, radiographic, fluoroscopic, and CT) must be inspected by a State Inspector (~ 1 to 6 month wait) or surveyed by a medical physicist *before clinical use of the equipment*. A copy of the physicist survey is to be sent to the State with the registration application. Also, if deficiencies are found during the survey, a copy of the service ticket documenting that corrective action has been performed should accompany the survey report sent to the State.

There has been no change in the requirements for facility shielding design preparation, approval, and shielding integrity evaluation prior to clinical use of the equipment. Copies of the documents are required to be submitted to the State and at the facility kept on file.

Alliance Medical Physics can help you with meeting these demands. Please visit our website at <http://www.alliancemedicalphysics.com/> for information about our services, personnel, and resources provided to assist our clients. Contact our office if we may be of assistance to you. Please allow as much notice as possible when scheduling a visit.

You may contact the State at:

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Diagnostic Services Unit
Health Care Section
Office of Regulatory Services
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