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KANSAS INFORMATION NOTICE 07-01 CT SCREENING AND SCREENING APPROVAL

Addressees

All Kansas registrants with CT scan machines

Purpose

To remind all Kansas registrants with CT scan machines of the definition of healing arts screening (commonly known as self referral) and to inform them of the requirements for obtaining approval for CT screening from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

Description of Circumstances

This reminder has been prompted by the proliferation of advertising for different types of apparent screening CT tests that are being marketed to the public as 'wellness' tools. Among the types of scanning included in these advertisements are full body CT screening and cardiac calcium scoring screening. Kansas Department of Health and Environment recognizes that CT testing is a valuable tool in the diagnosis and treatment of disease. The use of CT as a "healing arts screening" tool, however, is not currently approved by the Kansas Radiation Protection Regulations.

In Kansas Administration Regulation (K.A.R) 28-35-135h, "Healing arts screening" means the testing of human beings using X-ray machines for the detection or evaluation of health indications when the test is performed without any prior examination and without any specific and individual order by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts who is legally authorized to perform examinations and to prescribe X-ray tests for the purpose of diagnosis or treatment.

K.A.R 28-35-255 states that each person who wants to conduct a healing arts screening program shall be required to obtain the secretary's written approval before initiation the program. Information to be submitted about the program is specified in 28-35-255 (a)-(n).

The Food and Drug Administration has not endorsed CT screening. The State of Kansas will only approve healing arts screening if there is data supporting the efficacy of the screening test in diagnosing the disease or condition being screened as evidenced by the recommendation from a nationally recognized certifying medical or government body.

Discussion

This information does not require any specific action or written response. If you have any questions about the information in this notice, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

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