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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 and to inform them of the fact there has been no approval for CT screening from the Food and Drug Administration or the State of Kansas.

Description of Circumstances

Kansas Radiation Protection Regulation #28-35-135(zzzz)(38) "Healing arts screening" means the testing of human beings using x-ray machines for the detection or evaluation of health indications when such tests are not specifically and individually ordered by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts legally authorized to prescribe such x-ray tests for the purpose of diagnosis or treatment.

Kansas Radiation Protection Regulation #28-35-242(c)(2) states that "Screening" means an exposure of a person without a prior examination by a licensed practitioner.

Some medical facilities are promoting CT scanning. These CT screenings are marketed to be a preventative health measure to healthy individuals who have no symptoms or risk factors for diseases.

The Food and Drug Administration has stated that it has not been proven that CT screening is effective for the prevention, management, treatment, or curing any serious illness. The State of Kansas will not approve screening unless there is data supporting the efficacy of the screening test in diagnosing the disease or condition being screened, e.g., recommendation of a nationally recognized certifying medical or government body.

Discussion

The above information can be found at the following website:

<http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/ct/>

This information notice 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.

