

Firm Secures Approval of Certificate of Need by the Department of Community Health

Today, Robbins Firm attorney **Dan Monahan** secured an approval by the Georgia Department of Community Health of an application by Columbus Memory Center for a certificate of need to establish a mobile positron emission tomography (“PET”) unit in Columbus, Muscogee County, Georgia.

The application was based in part on the limited number of PET scans performed to assist with the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer’s disease and other memory care disorders in the health planning region (HPA 8) because local PET providers have limited ability to perform these types of scans, which the applicant argued gave rise to an atypical barrier to quality care in the service area.

The Department agreed with the Robbins Firm’s arguments, approving the application based on, among other things, the applicant’s demonstrating an atypical barrier to care in the service area, and that the project would reach the patient population affected by such barrier. A copy of the Department’s decision is available at <https://weblink.dch.georgia.gov/WebLink/DocView.aspx?id=1003192&dbid=1&repo=HealthPlanning>.

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