

The Case for Mobile Imaging Services:

With rising costs and declining reimbursements, healthcare facilities are being hard-pressed to find funding for equipment purchases and provide adequate staffing for the wide array of medically essential radiology services demanded of them. Mobile imaging services have traditionally provided the alternative of access without capital investment. Competent "shared mobile services" have enabled medical facilities faced with tough budget constraints to utilize medically essential diagnostic technology when it otherwise might not be available.

Mobile imaging services are an attractive alternative because:

- No start-up costs to client facilities.
- Funding for service is generated from exams performed and is well within reimbursement limits.
- Staffing costs and equipment upgrades are borne by the provider.
- Expensive inpatient transportation to other facilities is eliminated.
- Referrals that might otherwise seek alternative facilities are maintained.
- Client departments can control the type and manner of studies performed.
- Department radiologists perform interpretations.
- All records and hardcopy are kept on-site.

In many cases, healthcare facilities can utilize mobile imaging services along with in-house systems to alleviate departmental backlogs and expand daily patient schedules. Additionally, facilities can prolong the life of older scanners by the use of more technologically advanced mobile systems on a limited basis for those patient studies requiring such technology.

In summary, more than twenty-five years of history has proven the efficacy of competent mobile imaging services.