UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

| AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, et al., Plaintiffs, |)))) Civil Action No. 14-cv-00851 (JEB) |
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| v. | ĺ |
| XAVIER BECERRA, in his official capacity as Secretary of Health and Human Services, |))) |
| Defendant. |) |
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DEFENDANT'S STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court's 2018 Order (ECF No. 89), the Secretary of Health and Human Services ("HHS") provides this status report to inform the Court that HHS met the reduction target for FY 2021 and is on track to meet the subsequent reduction target set forth in the Court's November 1, 2018 Order. Attached to this status report as Exhibit 1 are statistics concerning, *inter alia*, the backlog of appeals at the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals ("OMHA") as of the end of the second quarter of FY 2021. *See* Medicare Appeals Dashboard, Exhibit 1. By the end of the second quarter of 2021, a total of 104,255 appeals remain pending at OMHA, which is a reduction of over 75% from the starting number of appeals identified in the Court's order (426,594 appeals).

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