## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, et al.,	)
Plaintiffs,	) ) Civil Action No. 14-cv-00851 (JEB)
v.	ĺ
ALEX. M. AZAR, 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 November 1, 2018 Order (ECF No. 89), the Secretary of Health and Human Services ("HHS") provides this status report to inform the Court that HHS remains on track to meet the reduction targets set forth in the Court's November 1 Order. Attached to this status report 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 2019. *See* Medicare Appeals Dashboard, Exhibit 1. From November 1, 2018 through the end of the second quarter of FY 2019, there has been a net reduction of 82,936 appeals pending at OMHA with a total of 343,658 appeals pending at OMHA by the end of the second quarter, which is a 19.4% reduction from the starting number of appeals identified in the Court's November 1 Order (426,594 appeals).

Dated: July 1, 2019 Respectfully submitted,

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