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VIA ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

Freedom of Information Act Officer
Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue SW
Hubert Humphrey Building, Room 729H
Washington, D.C. 20201

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request

Dear FOIA Officer:

In accordance with the relevant provisions of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), the purpose of this correspondence is to request certain information maintained by the Office of Medicare Hearings and Appeals (OMHA) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 5 U.S.C. § 552 *et seq.*; 45 C.F.R. § 5.1 *et seq.*

We hereby request disposition data related to Medicare claim appeals adjudicated by all OMHA Administrative Law Judges (ALJs) from 10/25/22 to the date of this correspondence. This data will presumably reflect the claim type (i.e., Medicare Part A, B, C, D) and the results of the decisions (i.e., favorable, partially favorable, unfavorable) according to claim type. We also anticipate this data would reflect the total number of appeals adjudicated by these ALJs (broken down by quarter or calendar year) within the timeframe of our request.

The contact information for the requester, as required by 45 C.F.R. § 5.22(b), is as follows:

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Please transmit any and all materials in OMHA's possession that are responsive to this request to the attention of the undersigned attorney via regular mail, facsimile, or, if appropriate, e-mail.

In the event that you anticipate the cost to process this request will exceed \$500, please contact the requester at the telephone number above. 45 C.F.R. § 5.22(c).

In the event OMHA is not in possession of any documents that may be reasonably responsive or related to this request, please confirm the same to us in writing.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us in the event you have any questions or require additional information to perfect this request. 45 C.F.R. § 5.24(b)(2).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam L. Bird", is written over a horizontal line.

Adam L. Bird

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