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The Honorable Henry A. Waxman Chairman Committee on Oversight and Government Reform U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Waxman,

This is in response to your November 26, 2007 letter to Secretary Leavitt regarding the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) regulations on public providers (CMS-2258-FC) and graduate medical education (CMS-2279-P) and each regulation's effect on emergency care and preparedness.

On February 5, 2008, the Department informed you that it has not found responsive documents to your inquiry after a search among the following agencies: the Office of the Secretary (OS), the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). At that time, CMS was still searching for responsive documents.

CMS has just completed its search relating to your inquiry, and at this time, has no responsive documents. This search included the Center for Medicaid & State Operations, the Office of the Actuary, as well as the Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs that coordinates regulation formulation and clearance.

CMS is committed to meeting the legitimate oversight requests of this Committee, and we will provide any responsive document subsequently discovered relating to this inquiry.

Sincerely,

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Director

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