

**EXHIBIT B**

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES  
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services  
7500 Security Boulevard, Mail Stop C5-11-06  
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850



**Office of Strategic Operations and Regulatory Affairs / Freedom of Information Group**

Request has been assigned: Control Number **072120237051** and PIN **MMZE**

7/28/2023

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Dear Mr. Grider:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) (5 U.S.C. § 552) request and to provide you with a tracking number for your request. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) received your FOIA request on July 21, 2023, for records pertaining to the “Benefits Coordination & Recovery Center” and review and resolution of “Medicare liens.”

To check the status of your request as it is being processed, please refer to the CMS FOIA website <https://foia-request.cms.gov/check-status> and enter the control number and PIN (listed above) that have been assigned to your request.

We will initiate a search for responsive records within the scope of your request once we complete our initial analysis. If we determine that your request needs clarification, we will suspend processing and contact you.

Please note, your request may require the additional processing time of 10 business days due to unusual circumstances. The following unusual circumstances, as defined by 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6), may impact our ability to fulfill a FOIA request within 20 business days. These include circumstances such as: (1) the request requires us to search for and collect records from multiple components and/or field offices; and/or (2) the request involves a voluminous amount of records that must be located, compiled, transferred to this office, and reviewed. If our searching units advise us that you have requested a voluminous amount of records that require extensive search, production and review, we will contact you to discuss options for narrowing the scope of your request in order to process your request as quickly and efficiently as possible.

In addition, CMS receives a very high volume of FOIA requests. Given the high volume of requests, and in accordance with federal regulations, we have had to establish a policy of "first in, first out" case processing. This processing policy includes factors such as the date of the request and the complexity of the request.

If you requested expedited processing, we will send additional communication to provide our decision.

Regarding fees, the FOIA law assumes that requesters are willing to pay fees up to \$25.00. If fees are estimated to exceed \$25.00, we will notify you and may suspend processing until we receive written confirmation that you are willing to pay the estimated fees. Additionally, for requests in which the estimated fees exceed \$250.00, the law authorizes us to collect the fees *in advance* prior to processing the request.

If you requested a fee waiver, we will send additional communication to provide our decision.

If you are not satisfied with any aspect of the processing and handling of this request, please contact Lauron Huntley, 410-786-0379.

You also have the right to seek dispute resolution services from:

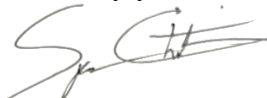
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Sincerely yours,



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