

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 **012920207016** and PIN **YRGM**

2/4/2020

Matthew D. Heins
Williams & Connolly LLP
725 Twelfth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20005

Dear Mr. Heins:

The purpose of 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. Your FOIA request, dated **1/29/2020**, was received on **1/29/2020**, by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). To check the status of your request as it is being processed, please refer to the CMS FOIA website <http://www.cms.gov/apps/FOIA> 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 will require the additional processing time of ten (10) business days due to unusual circumstances. The following unusual circumstances, as defined by federal FOIA regulations, 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; (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.

If your request sought expedited processing, we will send additional communication to provide you with our determination decision.

With regard to fees, the FOIA law assumes that requesters are willing to pay fees up to \$25.00. If estimated fees to process your request 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 address that once our office ascertains that the billable costs will exceed our \$25.00 billing threshold.

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:


Joseph Tripline
CMS FOIA Public Liaison
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
7500 Security Blvd., MS N2-20-16
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850
Telephone: 410-786-5353
Fax: 443-380-7260

and/or:

Office of Government Information Services
National Archives and Administration
8601 Adelphi Road – OGIS
College Park, MD 20740-6001

Telephone: 202-741-5770
Toll-Free: 1-877-684-6448
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Sincerely yours,



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