

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ALEX. M. AZAR, in his official capacity as
Secretary of Health and Human Services,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 14-cv-00851 (JEB)

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 fourth quarter of FY 2019. *See* Medicare Appeals Dashboard, Exhibit 1. By the end of the fourth quarter of FY 2019, a total of 292,517 appeals remain pending at OMHA, which is a 31.4% reduction from the starting number of appeals identified in the Court’s November 1, 2018 Order (426,594 appeals).

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