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The Honorable Seema Verma
Administrator
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Department of Health and Human Services
Hubert H. Humphrey Building
200 Independence Avenue S.W.
Room 314G
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Administrator Verma:

As President of the American Society of Transplant Surgeons, I am writing to thank you for addressing the duplicative regulatory burdens on transplantation in the Proposed Rule "Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Regulatory Provisions to Promote Program Efficiency, Transparency, and Burden Reduction." We appreciate your willingness to address this long-standing issue and believe the proposed rule is a major step in the right direction.

ASTS will respond under separate cover to the request for comments and other requirements that could be eliminated to reduce the administrative burden on transplant centers; however, I did not want to wait to express our gratitude for your taking action on points ASTS has made, most recently in a meeting with Mr. David Wright, Director, Quality and Safety Oversight Group (QSOG), in July of this year.

If we can be of any assistance in this process, please let us know. We look forward to future discussions about streamlining the regulatory process to enable transplant centers to focus more of their resources on the welfare of their patients.

Sincerely yours,

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