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Dear Dr. Davis:

As you may remember, in our letter to you of March 31, 1982, members of the Illinois Congressional Delegation urged that the Illinois Medicare Part B contract be opened for competitive bids.

According to the Commerce Business Daily, the contract award date was February 15, 1983. However, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) delayed awarding the contract and set a new award date of mid-March. Later the award date was changed to April 5, 1983.

Recently, we were informed that HCFA finds it necessary to again delay awarding the contract and, also, has found it necessary to amend the Request For Proposal (RFP). Additionally, HCFA is seeking an extension with Electronic Data Systems Federal Corporation, the incumbent contractor, to "allow sufficient time for analysis of offerors proposals."

We are very concerned about these delays.

As you know, offerors have expended funds and have responded in good faith and in a timely manner to all inquiries requested by HCFA.

Would you please inform us of the date that HCFA intends to make the Illinois Medicare Part B contract award? We believe that a timely decision is in the best interest of fulfilling our bidding process commitment, a commitment we believe will produce better service to Illinois Medicare recipients.

Your immediate consideration of this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

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