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The Honorable Margaret M. Heckler,
 Secretary
 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
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Dear Secretary Heckler:

We are writing to urge your prompt action in submitting to the Congress the result of the study and recommended changes in the Prospective Payment System (PPS).

As you know, the Deficit Reduction Act of 1984, P.L. 98-369, requires that the Secretary submit to the Congress, prior to September 1, 1984, the report which shall include the following:

1. The degree of variation within diagnosis-related groups (DRGs);
2. The merits of paying hospitals under the DRG system partly on a regional basis; and
3. Alternative methods of computing prospective payments.

This is a matter of critical importance to the hospitals in our State of Illinois. Our hospitals have worked in good faith to meet the requirements of the PPS. However, we feel that before the Department proceeds to implement another phase of the PPS, the above listed issues must be addressed.

We respectfully request that you pursue every effort to see that the report, and any recommended changes, are immediately submitted to the Congress.

Sincerely,

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