



March 30, 2016

RE: Small Entity Dispute

Ms. Wylie,

This letter is to dispute the charges that are associated with the licensing fee for Carroll County Memorial Hospital in regards to invoice number LFB 16-2385. It was brought to our attention that we do not actually qualify for small entity status, though we have filed our registration as such for the last several years. We are now being held responsible for the remaining balance of \$12,700 on our invoice. We are writing because the description on the Small Entity form states,

4. SMALL GOVERNMENTAL JURISDICTION (INCLUDING PUBLICLY SUPPORTED EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS) A government of a city, county, town, township, village, school district, or special district with a population of less than 50,000. For further information see 1f of attached instructions.	<input type="checkbox"/> A. 20,000 TO 49,999 POPULATION OF JURISDICTION	\$ 2,800
	<input type="checkbox"/> B. LESS THAN 20,000 POPULATION OF JURISDICTION	\$ 600

and the explanation that is given for more information in 1f only addresses an educational institution and does not explain nor define what section 4 is describing. Carroll County Memorial Hospital is a not-for-profit 25-bed Critical Access Hospital in Carroll County, Missouri with a population of 9,000 according to 2014 United States Census data. We have been in contact with Jawanza Gibbs-Nicholson and Dylan Oursler regarding the invoice and reasoning for our exclusion from small entity status, without being able to resolve the reasoning behind Carroll County not qualifying due to them referencing section 4 of the Small Entity form. As a small facility in rural Missouri it would be an extreme hardship to for a hospital of our size to pay the higher proposed licensing fee schedule. Exclusion from small entity status and the associated higher fees may jeopardize our capacity to provide nuclear medicine services to Carroll County and the surrounding areas we routinely serve.

Please consider what the implications would be for Carroll County Memorial Hospital and all of the areas we serve if we are forced to discontinue Nuclear Medicine services due to the higher cost of licensing fees.

Thank you for your consideration,

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