

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

THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Plaintiffs,)	
v.)	No. 1:18-cv-02084-RC
)	
ALEX M. AZAR II, in his official capacity)	
as Secretary of Health and)	
Human Services, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
_____)	

NOTICE OF APPEAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Defendants Alex M. Azar II, Secretary of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services hereby appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit from (i) the Court’s December 27, 2018 Order denying Defendants’ motion to dismiss, granting Plaintiffs’ motion for a permanent injunction, and denying as moot plaintiffs’ motion for a preliminary injunction [ECF No. 24]; and (ii) the Court’s December 27, 2018 Memorandum Opinion denying Defendants’ motion to dismiss, granting Plaintiffs’ motion for a permanent injunction, and denying as moot plaintiffs’ motion for a preliminary injunction [ECF No. 25].

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Respectfully submitted,

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