IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

)

)

))

)

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, *et al., Plaintiffs*,

v.

ALEX M. AZAR II, in his official capacity as Secretary of Health and Human Services, Case No. 1:20-cv-75-JDB

Defendant.

JOINT STATUS REPORT

The parties in the above-captioned cases submit this joint status report pursuant to the Court's September 14, 2020 minute order, which instructed the parties to submit such a report "within fourteen days of the D.C. Circuit's disposition of plaintiff-appellees' petition for rehearing of *American Hospital Association v. Azar*, 964 F.3d 1260 (D.C. Circ 2020)."

The Court of Appeals denied the plaintiffs' petition for rehearing on October 16, 2020. The plaintiffs anticipate that they will file a petition for a writ of certiorari for review of the judgment of the Court of Appeals. The parties accordingly request that the Court continue to hold this case in abeyance pending the disposition of the plaintiffs' anticipated petition for a writ of certiorari.

The parties further request that the Court direct them to file a joint status report within fourteen days of the following: (1) the Supreme Court's disposition of the petition for a writ of certiorari on the merits, if the Court grants that petition; (2) the Supreme Court's denial of such a petition, if the petition is denied; or (3) the expiration of the time for the filing such a petition, if a petition is not filed. Dated: October 30, 2020

/s/ Joel McElvain Mark D. Polston (D.C. Bar No. 431233) Joel McElvain (D.C. Bar No. 448431) Christopher P. Kenny (D.C. Bar No. 991303) Nikesh Jindal (D.C. Bar No. 492008) Michael LaBattaglia (D.C. Bar No. 1601580) KING & SPALDING LLP 1700 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Suite 200 Washington, D.C. 20006 202.626.2929 (phone) 202.626.3737 (fax) JMcElvain@kslaw.com

Counsel for Plaintiffs

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFREY BOSSERT CLARK Acting Assistant Attorney General

MICHELLE R. BENNETT Assistant Branch Director

/s/ Bradley P. Humphreys BRADLEY P. HUMPHREYS (D.C. Bar No. 988057) Trial Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice Civil Division, Federal Programs Branch 1100 L Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005 Tel.: (202) 305-0878 Fax: (202) 616-8470 E-mail: Bradley.Humphreys@usdoj.gov

Counsel for Defendant