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## VIA CM/ECF

David J. Smith Clerk of Court United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit 56 Forsyth Street, N.W. Atlanta, GA 30303

Re: REACH Air Medical Services LLC v. Kaiser Foundation Health Plan Inc., et al., No. 24-10135 (to be argued June 3, 2025) – Response to May 29, 2025 Letter from Kaiser

Dear Mr. Smith:

Plaintiff-Appellant REACH Air Medical Services LLC respectfully submits this letter in response to the notice of supplemental authority filed yesterday by Defendant-Appellee Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc. Kaiser's letter brings to the Court's attention a seven-month-old CMS report—but see Fed. R. App. P. 28(j) (instructing parties to "promptly advise the circuit clerk" if "pertinent and significant authorities come to a party's attention" (emphasis added))—showing that CMS has provided monetary remedies in some "instances of non-compliance" with the No Surprises Act. Kaiser states that this report shows that administrative remedies are available to healthcare providers.

The language in the report is non-specific, and REACH remains unaware of any instances of providers obtaining monetary remedies through an administrative process where an insurer misrepresented its QPA. Again, in the audit REACH cited in its reply (at 17 n.4) where an insurer had systematically miscalculated its QPAs, the corrective action instructed refunds to *consumers* but recommended no action to make *providers* whole.

In any case, even if administrative remedies were a meaningful possibility, that does not alter the statutory language in Subsection (II) providing for "judicial review" in cases where the IDR "award was procured by corruption, fraud, or undue means." 42

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U.S.C. § 300gg-111(c)(5)(E)(i)(II) (emphasis added); 9 U.S.C. § 10(a)(1). Whatever authority CMS has to monitor QPA calculations, this case is about a fraudulently misrepresented QPA. That provides a basis for judicial review under the plain terms of the statute.

Sincerely,

/s/ Charlotte H. Taylor
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cc: Counsel of Record (via CM/ECF)

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**CERTIFICATION** 

I hereby certify that pursuant to Fed. R. App. P. 28(j), the body of this Letter

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the complimentary close, contains 239 words according to the word-processing

software used to prepare this Letter. I also certify that on May 30, 2025, I served a copy

of the foregoing on all counsel of record by CM/ECF.

Dated: May 30, 2025

/s/ Charlotte H. Taylor

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