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Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
Mr. Thomas Betlach, Director
801 East Jefferson
Phoenix, AZ 85304

Dear Mr. Betlach,

On behalf of Western Arizona Regional Medical Center ("WARMC"), thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the proposed changes to the 2015 AHCCCS Hospital Assessment.

We understand the hospital assessment cannot remain static over time. However, we highly encourage AHCCCS to stay the course with the current assessment until there is additional data that would demonstrate a need for a change in the assessment methodology and then to develop a version that would not favor some hospitals at the adverse impact to our hospital colleagues and the communities they proudly serve. Therefore, we support the current assessment model.

We do want to extend our appreciation for allowing our feedback and input into this process and appreciate having the opportunity to work with AHCCCS in caring for those who need healthcare in our community. We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Alex Villa, CEO

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