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Ben Steffen
Executive Director
Maryland Health Care Commission
4160 Patterson Avenue
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Dear Mr. Steffen:

Thank you for your April 6, 2015 letter and workplan regarding the use of the new Provider-Carrier Workgroup to review and recommend changes to the State's prohibition on self-referral. The workgroup, with representation from affected stakeholder groups, is the appropriate vehicle for undertaking this charge. The workplan affords ample opportunity for consideration of all facets of the issue and preparation of legislation to be introduced at the 2016 session.

Please proceed with the workplan and keep me apprised periodically of the workgroup's progress. As Lisa Simpson is on maternity leave, Linda Stahr is the committee analyst assigned to monitor the workgroup. Please keep Linda informed of the workgroup meetings.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter A. Hammen".

Peter A. Hammen

Cc: Delegate Kirill Reznik