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Via Electronic Mail

Carol Schwartz,
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Re: AdvaMed's March 2016 HOP Panel Statement (CMS-1649-N)

Dear Ms. Schwartz:

Please find enclosed the Advanced Medical Technology Association's ("AdvaMed") presentation for the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment Meeting (scheduled for March 14th- 15th) as well as Form CMS-20017. Our presentation addresses various issues related to APCs including development of comprehensive APCs, complexity adjustments, and device specific requests.

Once the agenda has been set, please let me know the date and time AdvaMed is scheduled to make its comments.

You can reach me at (202)434-7218 or via e-mail at ddorsey@AdvaMed.org. As always, AdvaMed appreciates the opportunity to comment on these issues before the Advisory Panel on Hospital Outpatient Payment.

Sincerely,

 /s/
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Enclosures