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Dear Dr. Cheever:

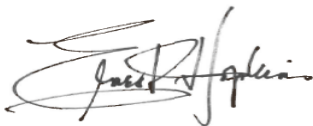
Thank you for your prompt and thorough response to my letter of June 5, 2013.

In discussions with CAEAR Coalition members, it became clear that we needed to request additional information to fully understand the impact of the hold harmless provision in mitigating severe fluctuations in Part A formula awards to Eligible Metropolitan Areas (EMA).

We are requesting a chart that provides hold harmless data that identifies the EMAs that were held harmless by year for the last four years. This data would allow us to know the scope of the impact of the provision. We would also like data that shows the total amount of supplemental funds used to fund hold harmless each year for the last four years and what percentage of the formula award the hold harmless protection represented for each EMA for the same time period.

Congratulations on your new promotion. On behalf of the CAEAR Coalition Board of Directors, I want to wish you every success and express our strong support for your leadership and our collaborative work together.

Sincerely,



Ernest Hopkins
Chair, Board of Directors
CAEAR Coalition