



July 12, 2004

Ms. Beverly J. Parker
Division of Acute Care
Mail Stop C4-08-06
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
7500 Security Boulevard
Baltimore, Maryland 21244-1850

Dear Ms. Parker:

The American Medical Group Association (AMGA) nominates John Steiner, J.D., for a position on the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act (EMTALA) Technical Advisory Group. Mr. Steiner is the Chief Compliance Officer and Privacy Official for the not-for-profit Cleveland Clinic Foundation (CCF), an integrated health care system and physician group practice. Because of his experience, Mr. Steiner would provide the Advisory Group with a unique perspective of both hospital and physician providers.

As one AMGA's most prominent members, the CCF is a prestigious integrated health care system and a salaried multispecialty medical group practice, dedicated to patient care, research and education. The AMGA represents some of the nation's largest, most prestigious integrated healthcare delivery systems caring for more than 50 million patients in 42 states. These AMGA-member multispecialty group practices have, on average, 272 physicians and 13 satellite locations in both urban and rural locations. With AMGA members' numerous and varied health care systems affected by EMTALA, AMGA is confident that Mr. Steiner's perspective will benefit the Technical Advisory Group's deliberations.

Singularly qualified for the Technical Advisory Group membership by education and experience, Mr. Steiner has directed CCF's compliance efforts, including EMTALA requirements, since 1998. Prior to that, he led the American Hospital Association's activities facilitating providers' efforts to meet their compliance responsibilities.

Additionally, Mr. Steiner maintains a leadership role and active membership in several prominent compliance associations, is a frequent compliance educational speaker, and has his articles on that subject widely published. A copy of his curriculum vitae is enclosed. I urge you to consider this nomination favorably.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald W. Fisher", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Donald W. Fisher, Ph.D
President and CEO

Enclosure