

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Mr. Gregg Brandush
Deputy Associate Regional Administrator
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
233 N. Michigan Ave, Suite 600
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Mr. Brandush,

I have recently learned that CMS intends to terminate Medicare payments to Ozarks Community Hospital in Springfield, Missouri.

On July 12, 2016 Ozarks Community Hospital (OCH) received notification from CMS declaring that as of August 1st, OCH's Medicare provider agreement status will be terminated. OCH has been in communication with CMS for several months and has indicated to us that they intend to appeal CMS' decision.

I am writing to ask that as the appeal is being considered, CMS delay the termination of Medicare payments and allow OCH to maintain its current Medicare provider agreement status until a final determination is reached. This will allow the community of Springfield to continue to receive the care it needs while CMS reviews OCH's case.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any further questions, please contact my staff member Janelle McClure at 202-224-6154 or at Janelle_McClure@mccaskill.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



Senator Claire McCaskill