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Jacki Monson, J.D.
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Dear Jacki Monson:

Thank you for the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics' (NCVHS) recommendation letters titled "NCVHS Recommendation on the Updated Version of the X12 Standard for Claims and Electronic Remittance Advice Transactions (Version 008020)" and "NCVHS Recommendations on Updated and New CAQH CORE Operating Rules to Support Adopted HIPAA Standards." I appreciate the NCVHS's crucial role in supporting administrative efficiency across the healthcare industry. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is committed to adopting Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) transaction standards with a focus on increasing efficiency, supporting quality care, and minimizing burden.

HHS will review the recommendations in your letter and consider them carefully as we determine the best path forward.

I would like to thank you for your service as Chair of the NCVHS. HHS values the insights and recommendations from the Committee and looks forward to your continued counsel on matters pertaining to the HIPAA standards and operating rules.

Sincerely,

Xavier Becerra