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Dear Bureau of Program and Policy Coordination,

Saint Anthony Hospital recently learned of HFS's notice of its proposal "to transition the safety net hospital obstetrical program from state plan authority to directed payments authority." The January 9, 2025, notice (incorrectly dated January 9, 2024) does not provide any detail regarding the proposal. It does not describe what the change in the method of setting payments is, why the change is being made, or how it will impact payments to safety net hospitals.

Please provide these details to enable Saint Anthony Hospital to fully understand any negative impacts these proposed changes could have on the Hospital; in which case Saint Anthony Hospital would object, among others, to the sufficiency of the notice under the Medicaid Act and its regulations to protect hospital's capacity to serve its patients.

I have also included Mr. Dennis Anosike, our CFO, on this email.

Thank you.



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