

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
CENTRAL DIVISION**

MISSOURI HOSPITAL)	
ASSOCIATION,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Civil Action No. 2:17-CV-04052-BCW
)	
ALEX M. AZAR II, ¹ in his official)	
Capacity as Secretary of Health)	
and Human Services, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
_____)	

NOTICE OF APPEAL

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendants Alex M. Azar II, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Seema Verma, Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, hereby appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit from this Court’s Judgment entered in favor of Plaintiff on March 27, 2018 (ECF No. 51), and from all prior orders entered in this action, including this Court’s February 9, 2018, Order granting Plaintiff’s motion for summary judgment (ECF No. 50).

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Respectfully submitted,

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¹ Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(d), Alex M. Azar II is substituted for Thomas E. Price in his official capacity as Secretary of Health and Human Services.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 10th day of April 2018, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system, which sent notification of such filing to all counsel of record.

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