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Re: Notice of Investigation  
OCR Transaction Number: DO-25-603752-CP-CR

Dear Counsel:

On December 17, 2024, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR) received your complaint alleging that the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center is in violation Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964<sup>1</sup> (Title VI) and Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act<sup>2</sup> (Section 1557). Specifically, the complaint focuses on four specific examples of race and sex discrimination in education, training, and scholarship “Programs Designed for Diversity” at Cincinnati Children’s: (1) the William K. Schubert Minority Nursing Scholarship; (2) the Jean Turner Minority Scholarship for Medical Imaging Technology; (3) the Biomedical Research Internship for Minority Students (BRIMS); and (4) the Administrative Fellowship Program.

OCR enforces federal civil rights laws which prohibit discrimination in the delivery of health and human services based on race, color, national origin, disability, age, sex, religion, and the exercise of conscience, and also enforces the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy, Security and Breach Notification Rules.

OCR is responsible for investigating complaints of discrimination against recipients of Federal financial assistance (FFA) through HHS and for ensuring the compliance of those recipients with various civil rights regulations that OCR enforces. OCR has determined that this office has jurisdiction over your allegation pursuant to the regulations listed above. Title VI prohibits prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin. Section 1557 also prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin in any health program or activity that

<sup>1</sup> 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, and its implementing regulations at 45 C.F.R. Part 80.

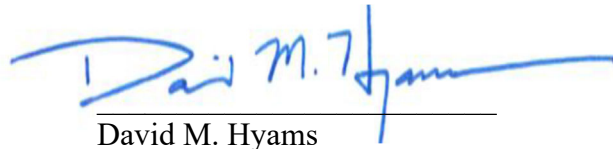
<sup>2</sup> 42 U.S.C. §18116, as implemented by 45 C.F.R. Part 92.

receives FFA from HHS. Therefore, OCR will initiate an investigation. When OCR has reached a determination regarding your complaint, we will advise you of our findings.

A private right of action exists in some cases to remedy discrimination by a recipient of FFA. These private actions can be pursued independent of OCR's investigation. Complainants are not required to wait until OCR has completed an investigation before consulting with an attorney about legal rights in a case or about any applicable statute of limitation. Complainants may contact the local legal aid office or the bar association for lawyer referral services.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact David Hyams, Associate Deputy Director, at [david.hyams@hhs.gov](mailto:david.hyams@hhs.gov), (202) 969-3876. When contacting this office, please remember to include the transaction number that we have given your file, located in the upper left-hand corner of this letter.

Sincerely,



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