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Refer to: Control Number 111220197045

6/8/2020

Austin R. Evers
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Dear Mr. Evers:

This letter is the first interim response to your Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. § 552) request of 11/08/2019, which you sent to Hugh Gilmore, Director, Division of Freedom of Information Act, Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). CMS assigned your FOIA request the case number 111220197045. In this request, you sought the following records for the time period January 1, 2018 to the present:

All email communications (including email messages, complete email chains, email attachments, calendar invitations, and attachments thereto) between (a) the following specified officials serving in the White House Office and (b) the following specified agency officials:

Specified White House Office Officials:	Specified Agency Custodians:
1. Stephen Miller (including but not limited to the email address stephen.miller @who.eop.gov)	i. Seema Verma, Administrator
11. Robert Gabriel (including but not limited to the email address robert.gabriel@who.eop.gov)	ii. Brady Brookes, Deputy Administrator and Deputy Chief of Staff
iii. Jennifer Cytyrn (including but not limited to the email address Jennifer.cytyrn@who.eop.gov)	iii. Anyone serving as Senior Advisor to the Administrator
iv. McLaurine Klingler (including but not	iv. Anyone serving as White House Liaison or White House Advisor
	v. Demetrios Kouzoukas, Principal Deputy Administrator for Medicare
	vi. Acting Deputy Administrator and Acting Director for Medicaid and CHIP Services

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limited to the email address mclaurine.klingler@who.eop.gov)	vii. Randy Pate, Deputy Administrator and Director of the Center for Consumer
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In this first interim response, we processed a total of fifty-five (55) pages of records and determined that three (3) pages were responsive to your FOIA request. After careful review of the documents submitted to me, I am withholding three (3) pages in full. The withholdings in full are pursuant to Exemption (b)(5), presidential communication privilege and/or deliberative process privilege (5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5)).

We are continuing our review of records responsive to your requests. As additional reviews and disclosure determinations are completed, CMS will release any nonexempt records to you on a rolling basis as agreed by the parties.

Sincerely yours,

Hugh Gilmore
Hugh Gilmore
Director
Freedom of Information Group

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