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Re: Michael Reese Hospital as a participant in the Chicago 98-00 MSA Wage Index Group, PRRB Decision No. 2006-D7 (12/15/05) (FFY 1999)

I recommend that the Administrator, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, decline to review the decision entered by the Provider Reimbursement Review Board (PRRB) in this case dismissing Michael Reese Hospital from the group appeal. The PRRB's ruling with respect to the remaining hospitals in the group is not a final decision subject to Administrator's review at this time.

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