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Re: Long Beach Memorial Hospital v. BlueCross BlueShield Assoc./Empire Medicare Services, PRRB Decision No. 2005-D48 (07/29/2005) (FYE 12/31/1991)

I recommend that the Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, decline to review the decision entered by the Provider Reimbursement Review Board in this case.

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APPROVED:

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