



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

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**Request No. 2020-00316-FOIA-OS**  
***Jacqueline Stevens v. HHS et al*, Civil No. 22-cv-05072**

**February 20, 2023**

***Sent via email:***

Ms. Jacqueline Stevens  
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Via email: [drc@northwestern.edu](mailto:drc@northwestern.edu)

Dear Ms. Stevens:

This letter is the 3rd interim response to the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests submitted to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Specifically, you requested:

Records tied to the hiring, transfers, and scope of work performed by Lauren Underwood at HHS.

- 1) All position announcements associated with any jobs she held at HHS.
- 2) All reports, memorandums, or analyses she produced, including but not limited to her work on Ebola and other emergency public health matters.
- 3) All travel itineraries.
- 4) All expense reports.

The time frame of this request is January 1, 2010 to January 22, 2017.

For this release, the Department processed 564 pages of potentially responsive records captured in the agency's search for this FOIA request. Of these pages, 562 were not relevant to your request and consisted of briefing documents sent from the Office of the Executive Secretariat to the entire organization, coordination documents received for comment, unsent messages, and blank pages. I am releasing 2 pages in their entirety.

We will continue to review the remaining records as efficiently and expeditiously as possible. Should you have questions or concerns regarding the Department's response and/or the processing of your request, any such issues should be communicated to your legal counsel and Department of Justice Attorney representing the Department in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alesia Y. Williams".

Alesia Y. Williams  
Director, FOIA Appeals and Litigations  
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Enclosure: 2 pages

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Lauren:

Would you mind removing Lydia Ogden from your distribution list and adding Frederic Shaw ([fxs6@cdc.gov](mailto:fxs6@cdc.gov)), Cc'ed above? Dr. Shaw is acting director for our office since Lydia's departure from the agency last week.

Thanks in advance,  
Jon

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**From:** Underwood, Lauren (HHS/IOS)  
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**Subject:** For Your Clearance: RFI Regarding Health Care Quality for Exchanges

Attached for your clearance is a RFI on Health Care Quality for Exchanges. You may recall that a similar white paper was circulated for clearance back in September. That white paper was never released and was reformatted into this Request for Information, which will publish in the Federal Register. Since the previous round of clearance, the following changes have been made to the document:

- Reformatted from white paper to RFI to be published in Federal Register
- Added question about establishing requirements for quality improvement strategies to elicit broad response
- Included domains of the Medicare Stars program to elicit specific comments on where alignment with Exchange quality rating may be appropriate
- Included specific question about assessing health plan value and price in the quality rating
- Added question to assess performance of services for persons with accessibility or communications barriers
- Added question to assess quality and impact of mental health and substance abuse services
- Added question regarding alignment of Exchange activities with alternative payment models (ex. ACOs)

Offices that previously commented on the white paper will receive the documents via SWIFT for clearance. Please provide comments by 6pm on Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. All other offices can consider this as FYI. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,  
Lauren Underwood

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