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***Re: OCR Transaction Nos. 24-585977; 26-651025***

Dear Ms. Tolliver:

On August 14, 2024, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office for Civil Rights (OCR), received a complaint from the Wisconsin Institute for Law & Liberty, Inc. (WILL), on behalf of the Do No Harm organization. The complaint alleges that the Cleveland Clinic is in violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964<sup>1</sup> and Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act<sup>2</sup> (Section 1557). Specifically, the complaint alleges that Cleveland Clinic treats white individuals differently from certain racial and ethnic minorities in the tailoring and provision of services provided through its Minority Stroke Program and Minority Men's Health Center.

On May 2, 2025, OCR provided you with a determination letter, notifying you that OCR resolved the complaint by providing technical assistance to the Cleveland Clinic, that Cleveland Clinic's response to OCR's technical assistance resolved OCR's concerns, and OCR was closing this complaint.

On June 11, 2025, in response to OCR's determination, WILL submitted a reconsideration request that 1) alleges the OCR determination letter sent on May 2, 2025, was unclear and did not apply or address the legal standards of equal protection, 2) alleges Cleveland Clinic continues to violate Title VI and Section 1557 by operating its "Minority Stroke Program," and 3) questions whether Cleveland Clinic had discontinued or appropriately revised its "Minority Men's Health Center."

After review, OCR has determined to grant WILL's request for reconsideration. Please refer to OCR Transaction Number 26-651025 when contacting our office about this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Gabriela Anastasopoulou, Policy Advisor, at [Gabriela.Anastasopoulou@hhs.gov](mailto:Gabriela.Anastasopoulou@hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/ David Hyams

David Hyams  
Acting Deputy Director

<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.