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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a CRNA working in the rural community of Sunnyside, Washington. I cover both Sunnyside Community Hospital, a Critical Access Hospital, and Yakima Ambulatory Surgery Center. I have been an alpha tester for the OSAEMR App prototype for the past year.

I am writing to express my full and complete support for funding the movement of the OSAEMR prototype into production and distribution to CRNAs in rural settings.

Our small 4-OR hospital simply does not have the resources to provide us with an anesthesia EMR. CMS does not provide any funding for CRNAs in the way of meaningful use and other programs.

We have chosen to incur the Medicare payment penalty because without an EMR, collecting the necessary clinical data has proven impractical.

I purchased an iPad expressly to help in testing the prototype OSAEMR App. Having used it on approximately 50 cases, I can speak to its ease of use. The ability to easily acquire and integrate photos of the patient and clinical data is one of the best features. Then, once the data for the case is entered, I am able to create a legible and accurate anesthesia record for placement in the patient's hospital EMR.

At both practice locations I have had the opportunity to use OSAEMR with a wide variety of cases, including neurosurgery, cataract surgery, urology, OB/GYN, Orthopedics, Plastics, Endoscopy, and general surgery cases. The breadth, depth, and coverage of OSAEMR for my practice is perfect. It allows me to go beyond what the hospital's paper charting offers, and it does it in a very intuitive way.

Our group has been concerned about our lack of ability to report our data, and we are looking forward to gaining this new capability with the production version of OSAEMR.

Once again, I encourage funding of this very worthwhile project. Please feel free to contact me by email or phone if you would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,



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