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Mr. Paul Pomerantz
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Dear Mr. Pomerantz:

The American Urological Association (AUA) is pleased to support to the American Society of Anesthesiologists (ASA) Perioperative Surgical Home Initiative (PSH). Several urologists whose facilities are participating in the ASA PSH have expressed their positive experience in collaborating with other providers and clinical staff when a decision for surgery is made and to ensure the patient is surgery ready.

We also congratulate you on the acceptance of the PSH initiative as an approved Improvement Activity under the Medicare Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) in the 2018 Quality Payment Program Proposed Rule. The AUA supports this initiative and any other model that allows urology provider members to improve operational efficiencies, decrease resource utilization, reduce length of stay and readmission, decrease complications and mortality-resulting in a better patient experience of care during their surgical intervention.

We look forward to continuing our educational opportunities on models like this. The February 2017 webinar we jointly convened on the Perioperative Surgical Home and coordinating urologic surgical care had more than 172 urologists and anesthesiologists participating.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Sheppard
Chief Executive Officer

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