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Dear Dr. Kavanagh:

Thank you for your recent letter discussing the hospital Conditions of Participation (CoPs) as they relate to the provision of information to recipients of implantable medical devices. You shared your concern that the current CoPs do not require hospitals to provide recipients with certain information about their implantable medical devices.

We appreciate your suggestions about ways to improve patient knowledge of their devices and the potential benefits of ensuring that patients are provided this information. We are committed to fostering patient education and engagement, and will take these suggestions under advisement as we consider future refinements to the hospital CoPs.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to patient safety and your concern for the provision of information to the recipients of implantable devices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kate Goodrich', written in a cursive style.

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