***[Lien Dispute/Reduction Request to a Hospital - Payoff Balance Reduction Request]***

April 1, 2021

**VIA US MAIL**

Wellstar Health System

PO Box 747474

Atlanta, GA 30774-7474

**Re: Settlement Offer/Cease and Desist Notice**

**Patient:** Sarah Smith

 **Account No’s:** 30000000000 and 300000000001

 **Dates of service:** 1/11/20 and 2/8/20

Dear Wellstar Hospital:

As you are aware from our letter dated August 1, 2020, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Law, LLC represents Ms. Smith concerning personal injuries sustained in an auto accident that occurred on January 11, 2020. Also, please note that you already have a HIPAA authorization form on file to allow us to discuss Ms. Smith’s above-referenced accounts with you.

On April 1, 2021, Ms. Smith notified our office that Wellstar Health Systems mailed her a bill claiming a balance due of $140,000.01. Please cease and desist from contacting Ms. Smith.

Moreover, Wellstar has no reimbursement right to any funds from Ms. Smith’s auto accident settlement. As of today, there is no record that Wellstar filed a “hospital lien” pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-470 within 75 days after discharge. Since Wellstar did not file a lien in time, Wellstar is precluded from asserting a lien on any proceeds collected on Ms. Smith’s auto insurance settlement per O.C.G.A. § 44-14-471.

 Lastly, Ms. Smith has no assets so sending her account to collections will not expedite any payments to you.

 Given the foregoing reasons, **Ms. Smith is willing to offer $6,500.00 in good faith to resolve any and all accounts with Wellstar Health Systems in full.** If this offer is acceptable, please respond in writing and our office will issue payment within the next 30 days. If you have any questions or would like to further discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me at 770-265-0000 or email at james@lawyerjames.com. Thank you in advance for your time and assistance.

Sincerely,

Attorney at Law