

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CIRCUIT

No. 18-5004**September Term, 2017****1:17-cv-02447-RC****Filed On:** January 30, 2018

American Hospital Association, et al.,

Appellants

v.

Alex Michael Azar, II, in his official capacity
as the Secretary of Health and Human
Services and United States Department of
Health and Human Services,

Appellees

BEFORE: Srinivasan, Pillard, and Wilkins, Circuit Judges

ORDER

Upon consideration of the emergency motion to expedite case, the opposition thereto, and the reply, it is

ORDERED that the following briefing schedule will apply:

Appellants' Brief	February 15, 2018
Appendix	February 15, 2018
Appellees' Brief	March 19, 2018
Appellants' Reply Brief	April 2, 2018

The parties will be informed later of the date of oral argument and the composition of the merits panel.

All issues and arguments must be raised by appellants in the opening brief. The court ordinarily will not consider issues and arguments raised for the first time in the reply brief.

To enhance the clarity of their briefs, the parties are urged to limit the use of abbreviations, including acronyms. While acronyms may be used for entities and

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statutes with widely recognized initials, briefs should not contain acronyms that are not widely known. See D.C. Circuit Handbook of Practice and Internal Procedures 41 (2017); Notice Regarding Use of Acronyms (D.C. Cir. Jan. 26, 2010).

Parties are strongly encouraged to hand deliver the paper copies of their briefs to the Clerk's office on the date due. Filing by mail may delay the processing of the brief. Additionally, counsel are reminded that if filing by mail, they must use a class of mail that is at least as expeditious as first-class mail. See Fed. R. App. P. 25(a). All briefs and appendices must contain the date that the case is scheduled for oral argument at the top of the cover. See D.C. Cir. Rule 28(a)(8).

Per Curiam

FOR THE COURT:

Mark J. Langer, Clerk

BY: /s/

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Deputy Clerk