



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

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WASHINGTON, DC 20201



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Mr. Douglas D. Walsh  
Director, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit  
Office of Attorney General  
P.O. Box 40114  
Olympia, WA 98504-0114

Dear Mr. Walsh:

As provided under Federal regulations at 45 CFR § 1007.20(a), the Office of Inspector General (OIG) approves the application of the Washington Medicaid Fraud Control Unit to conduct data mining. In considering the application, we have consulted with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

This approval is valid for 3 years from the date of this letter. Under the regulations, the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit may request renewal of this approval for additional 3-year periods by submitting a written request to OIG. Please ensure that you include the outcomes of your data mining activities as part of the Unit's annual report that is due by February 1, 2018, as outlined in section 1007.17(i) of the regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Burbach of my staff at (202) 708-9789.

Sincerely,

Richard Stern  
Director, Medicaid Fraud Policy  
and Oversight Division