



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

WASHINGTON, DC 20201



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John C. Blair, Director  
Medicaid Fraud Control Unit  
Office of the Attorney General  
408 Leon Sullivan Way, Suite 100  
Charleston, WV 25301

Dear Mr. Blair:

As provided under Federal regulations at 45 CFR § 1007.20(a)(4)(iv), the Office of Inspector General (OIG) approves the renewal application of the West Virginia Medicaid Fraud Unit (Unit) to conduct data mining. In considering the application, we have consulted with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

This approval covers a 3-year period beginning August 11, 2023, and ending August 10, 2026. Under the regulations, the Unit may request renewal of this approval for additional 3-year periods by submitting a written request to OIG. An application for renewal should be submitted to OIG no later than June 23, 2026. Please ensure that you continue to include the outcomes of your data mining activities as part of the Unit's recertification materials that are due every year by August 1, as outlined in section 1007.17(a)(1)(ii) of the regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact Keith Peters of my staff at [Keith.Peters@oig.hhs.gov](mailto:Keith.Peters@oig.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

**RICHARD STERN**

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