



August 20, 2010

Gregory C. Kotheimer, M.D.
PMB 1035 # 10001
Saipan, MP 96950

Dear Dr. Kotheimer:

Re: OI File Number 6-01-40325-9

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement you entered into with the Office of Inspector General (OIG), you agreed to be permanently excluded from participation in the Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal health care programs under section 1128(b)(7) of the Social Security Act. Your exclusion became effective on September 21, 2000 and remains in effect.

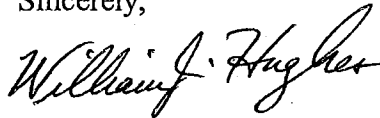
By letter dated July 26, 2010, Joseph Kevin Villagomez, Secretary of Public Health, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, requested a waiver of your exclusion. Since this request meets the criteria set forth in 42 CFR 1001.1801(c) and section 1128(d)(3)(B) of the Act, we are granting Mr. Villagomez's request for a waiver of your exclusion for services you provide under the Medicare, Medicaid and all Federal health care programs in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Approval of the waiver request means that, **effective with the date of this notice**, you may submit claims for payment of covered items or services furnished, ordered, or prescribed by you under the Medicare, Medicaid and all Federal health care programs to program beneficiaries in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. **This waiver is not retroactive** and does not authorize you to claim program payment for services that you have already rendered to program beneficiaries.

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This waiver affects items and services you provide in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for as long as the Department of Public Health there determines that such need exists. Your exclusion remains in effect for all items and services you furnish, order or prescribe in all other States. This waiver does not otherwise change your exclusion; it remains in effect and, as explained in your exclusion notice, you will have to apply for reinstatement at the end of the exclusion period.

Sincerely,



William J. Hughes
Reviewing Official
Health Care Program Exclusions
Office of Counsel to the Inspector General

cc: Special Agent in Charge, Dallas
Special Agent in Charge, San Francisco
Joseph Kevin Villagomez, Secretary