



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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The Honorable Austin Knudsen
Attorney General of Montana
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Attn: Loren Mardis, Director, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit

Dear Attorney General Knudsen:

The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (OIG), received your office's request to review the amended Montana False Claims Act, Mont. Code Ann. §§ 17-8-401 through 17-8-416, under the requirements of section 1909 of the Social Security Act (the Act). Section 1909 of the Act provides a financial incentive for a State to enact a law relating to the submission of false or fraudulent claims to the State Medicaid program. For a State to qualify for this incentive, the State law must meet certain requirements enumerated under section 1909(b) of the Act, as determined by OIG in consultation with the Department of Justice (DOJ).

After consulting with DOJ, we have determined that the amended Montana False Claims Act meets the requirements of section 1909 of the Act.

Any further amendment to the Montana False Claims Act could affect OIG's determination that it meets the requirements of section 1909 of the Act. Therefore, please notify OIG of any amendment to the Montana False Claims Act within 30 days after such amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact me or have your staff contact Lisa Veigel or Tamar Terzian at (202) 619-1306.

Sincerely,

/Christi A. Grimm/

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Principal Deputy Inspector General