



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

WASHINGTON, DC 20201



February 15, 2024

Jeffrey Loren Fraser, M.D.
9200 Heritage Lake Drive, #105
Lincoln, NE 68526

Dear Jeffrey Loren Fraser:

RE: OIG File Number 7-18-40015-9

On July 30, 2021, you were notified by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) that you were being excluded from participation in all Federal health care programs for the minimum statutory period of 5 years. The OIG imposed this exclusion under section 1128(a)(4) of the Social Security Act, based on your felony conviction in the United States District Court, District of Nebraska, of a criminal offense related to the unlawful manufacture, distribution, prescription, or dispensing of a controlled substance. Your exclusion became effective August 19, 2021, and remains in effect.

By letter dated October 2, 2023, Jay Ludlam, Deputy Secretary, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, requested a waiver of your exclusion to permit you to furnish, order or prescribe items and services to North Carolina Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries in Vanceboro, North Carolina. The request for a waiver indicates that, following the retirement of the physician who is currently the only primary care physician, you would be the sole community physician in Vanceboro, North Carolina. Since this request meets the criteria set forth in 42 C.F.R. 1001.1801, following consultation with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) we are granting a waiver of your exclusion.

This waiver affects only the services specified above for as long as the North Carolina Medicaid agency and CMS determine that such need exists. Your exclusion remains in effect for all items and services you furnish, order, or prescribe within all other programs in North Carolina and all other states. This action does not otherwise change your current exclusion; it remains in effect and as detailed in your exclusion notice, reinstatement is not automatic. You must apply for reinstatement at the end of your exclusion period to be considered for reinstatement.

Approval of this waiver request means that, **effective with the date of this notice**, you may submit claims for payment of items or services furnished, ordered, or prescribed by you as described above. This waiver is not retroactive and does not authorize you to claim payment for items and services you have previously rendered. If the basis for this waiver ceases to exist, the waiver will be rescinded.

Sincerely,

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Reviewing Official
Exclusions Branch

cc: Jay Ludlam, Deputy Secretary
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Minisha Hicks, Director
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