



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

WASHINGTON, DC 20201



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The Honorable Robert E. Cooper, Jr.
Attorney General and Reporter
State of Tennessee Office of the Attorney General
P.O. Box 20207
Nashville, TN 37202

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) received your request to review the amended Tennessee Medicaid False Claims Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §§ 71-5-181 through 71-5-185, 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 the Inspector General of HHS in consultation with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). We have determined, after consulting with DOJ, that the amended Tennessee Medicaid False Claims Act meets the requirements of section 1909 of the Act.

Any amendment to the Tennessee Medicaid 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 Tennessee Medicaid 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 Susan Gillin or Tamara Forys at 202-619-0335.

Sincerely,

/Daniel R. Levinson/

Daniel R. Levinson
Inspector General