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Mr. Ellison Travis
Director, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
Office of the Attorney General
P.O. Box 94005
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Dear Mr. Travis:

As provided under Federal regulations at 45 CFR § 1007.20(a)(4)(iv), the Office of Inspector General (OIG) approves the Louisiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit's request for renewal of its data mining approval.

This approval covers a 3-year period beginning November 19, 2017 and ending November 18, 2020. Under the regulations, the Medicaid Fraud Control 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 October 5, 2020. Please ensure that you continue to include the outcomes of your data mining activities as part of the Unit's annual report that is due by each year by January 31, as outlined in section 1007.17(i) of the regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Burbach of my staff at (202) 708-9789.

Sincerely,

Richard Stern
Director, Medicaid Fraud Policy
and Oversight Division