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Mr. Frederick Duhy, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Duhy:

As provided under Federal regulations at 45 CFR § 1007.20(a), the Office of Inspector General (OIG) approves the September 24, 2014, application of the Louisiana Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (Unit) to conduct data mining. In considering the application, we have consulted with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

This approval is valid for 3 years from the date of this letter. Under the regulations, the Unit may request renewal of this approval for additional 3-year periods by submitting a written request to OIG. Please ensure that you include the outcomes of your data mining activities as part of the Unit's annual report that is due by January 31 each year, as outlined in section 1007.17(i) of the regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Burbach or me at (202) 619-0480.

Sincerely,

Richard Stern

Richard Stern
Director, Medicaid Fraud Policy and
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cc:
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