

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## **OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**



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James F. Dube, Director Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Office of the Attorney General 150 South Main Street Providence, Rhode Island 02903

Dear Mr. Dube:

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

This approval is valid for 3 years from the date of this letter. 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. Please ensure that you include the outcomes of your data mining activities as part of the Unit's annual report that is due by December 21, 2017, as outlined in section 1007.17(i) of the regulations.

If you have any questions, please contact Jordan Clementi of my staff at (816) 426-3223.

Sincerely,

Richard Stern

Director, Medicaid Fraud Policy

and Oversight Division