



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

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Ms. Laura Elsbury  
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Office of the Attorney General  
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Dear Ms. Elsbury:

As provided under Federal regulations at 45 CFR § 1007.20(a), the Office of Inspector General (OIG) approves the December 13, 2013, application of the Missouri Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) to conduct data mining. In considering the application, we have consulted with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and have reviewed and approved the proposed sections of the MFCU's agreement with the State Medicaid agency.

This approval is valid for 3 years from the date of this letter. Under the regulations, the MFCU 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 MFCU's annual report that is due by November 1, 2014, 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  
Director, Medicaid Fraud Policy and  
Oversight Division

cc:

Lyn Killman  
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CMS Center for Program Integrity