

Any provider that accepts government funding must ensure that all their employees, independent contractors (subcontractors), and vendors are not on any federal, or state, government exclusion lists.

Entities and persons can be put on these lists for various reasons, with a principal reason being a conviction for Medicare or Medicaid fraud.

There are two federal lists that must be checked monthly:

1. **The Office of the Inspector General (OIG) List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (LEIE)**: Available at:
<https://oig.hhs.gov/exclusions/index.asp>
2. **The System for Award Management Exclusion List ("SAM Exclusion List")**: Available at:
<https://sam.gov/SAM/>

In addition, many states also have their own state specific Medicaid exclusion lists. Unfortunately, these lists do not always share information well, and a person or entity can appear on one list but not another list.

As a provider, your obligation is to check the updated lists on a **monthly basis** to ensure that you are not using government healthcare dollars to pay any person or entity who has been excluded from receiving those funds.