



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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Vinod Chandrashekhar Patwardhan, M.D.
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Claremont, CA 91711-4164

Dear Dr. Patwardhan:

Re: OI File Number L-08-40719-9

As described in the Office of Inspector General's (OIG) notice of exclusion to you dated June 30, 2011, your exclusion under sections 1128(a)(1) and (a)(3) of the Social Security Act from participation in the Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal health care programs became effective 20 days from the date of that letter, i.e., on July 20, 2011; that exclusion remains in effect.

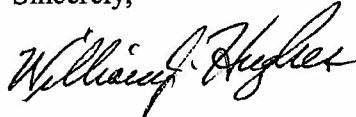
The OIG's notice of exclusion refers to the letter dated November 19, 2010 from David Maxwell-Jolly, Director, California Department of Health Care Services, requesting a waiver of your exclusion. In the notice of exclusion to you, the OIG granted a waiver of your exclusion under the Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal health care programs in Upland, California for oncological items and services.

Michael Kilpatrick, Office of Legal Services, California Department of Health Care Services, recently provided additional information clarifying the scope of the waiver request from Mr. Maxwell-Jolly. Pursuant to that clarification, the OIG is expanding the scope of your waiver to include oncological services and associated primary care services you furnish in San Bernardino County, California.

Approval of this request means that, effective with the date of this letter, claims may be submitted for payment of covered oncological services and associated primary care services you furnish, order, or prescribe under the Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal health care programs in San Bernardino County, California.

This waiver affects oncological services and associated primary care services you furnish, order, or prescribe in San Bernardino County, California for as long as the California Department of Health Care Services determines that such need exists. Your exclusion remains in effect for all items and services you furnish, order, or prescribe elsewhere in California and in all other States. This waiver does not otherwise change your exclusion; it remains in effect and, as explained in your exclusion notice, you will have to apply for reinstatement at the end of the exclusion period.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William J. Hughes", written in a cursive style.

William J. Hughes
Health Care Program Exclusions
Office of Counsel to the Inspector General

cc: Office of Investigations
David Maxwell-Jolly, Director
Joseph A. Ferrucci, Esq.