



OCT 25 2007

The Honorable John D. Dingell  
Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce  
House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in response to your letter dated October 15, 2007, requesting that the Office of Inspector General (OIG) conduct a study to determine the dollar amount of overpayments that Medicare claims-processing contractors recover as a result of referrals they receive from Program Safeguard Contractors (PSCs).

OIG will conduct the study you have requested. The review will include the issues raised in your letter. It will also examine overpayment amounts that PSCs referred to claims-processing contractors for recoupment and amounts recouped as a result of PSC referrals. Additionally, our study will assess the volume and type of providers associated with overpayment referrals generated by PSCs and will include information on all PSCs that had benefit integrity task orders in 2007.

We will provide to Committee staff updates on the status of our work while it is ongoing and will provide your Committee with the results of our work when it is completed.

An identical letter is being sent to the Honorable Bart Stupak, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, who cosigned your request. We appreciate your interest in this important issue.

If you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may call Claire M. Barnard, Director of External Affairs, at (202) 205-9523.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daniel R. Levinson".

Daniel R. Levinson  
Inspector General

cc: The Honorable Joe Barton, Ranking Member  
Committee on Energy and Commerce

The Honorable Ed Whitfield, Ranking Member  
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations