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Dear Mr. Hart:

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has received your request to review the Michigan Medicaid False Claims Act, Mich. Comp. Laws §§ 400.601 through 400.615, under the requirements of section 6031(b) of the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA). Section 6031 of the DRA provides a financial incentive for States to enact laws that establish liability to the State for individuals and entities that submit false or fraudulent claims to the State Medicaid program. For a State to qualify for this incentive, the State law must meet certain requirements enumerated under section 6031(b) of the DRA, as determined by the Inspector General of HHS in consultation with the Department of Justice (DOJ). Based on our review of the law and consultation with DOJ, we have determined that the Michigan Medicaid False Claims Act meets the requirements of section 6031(b) of the DRA.

Any amendment to the Michigan Medicaid False Claims Act could affect OIG's determination that it meets the requirements of section 6031(b) of the DRA. Therefore, please notify OIG of any amendment to the Michigan Medicaid False Claims Act within 30 days after such amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this review, please contact me or have your staff contact Katie Arnholt at (202) 205-3203 or katie.arnholt@oig.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

/Daniel R. Levinson/

Daniel R. Levinson
Inspector General

cc: Richard P. Billera, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services