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Mr. Joshua J. Happe
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Dear Mr. Happe:

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) received your request to review the amended Iowa False Claims Act, Iowa Code §§ 685.1 through 685.7, under the requirements of section 1909 of the Social Security Act (the Act). Section 1909 of the Act provides a financial incentive for a State to enact a law that establishes 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 1909(b) of the Act, as determined by the Inspector General of HHS in consultation with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). We have determined, after consulting with DOJ, that the amended Iowa False Claims Act meets the requirements of section 1909 of the Act.

Any amendment to the Iowa False Claims Act could affect OIG's determination that it meets the requirements of section 1909 of the Act. Therefore, please notify OIG of any amendment to the Iowa 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 Tamara Forsys at 202-205-9426.

Sincerely,

/Daniel R. Levinson/

Daniel R. Levinson
Inspector General