



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

WASHINGTON, DC 20201



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The Honorable Claire McCaskill  
Chairman  
Subcommittee on Financial and Contracting Oversight  
Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

ATTN: Kelsey Stroud

Dear Madam Chairman:

I am writing in response to your May 15, 2014, letter to Inspector General Daniel R. Levinson concerning whistleblower allegations that Cognosante, a Healthcare.gov subcontractor, is engaged in fraudulent business practices wherein it pays its contract employees to do no work for days, and sometimes weeks, at a time. You have requested that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Inspector General, evaluate these whistleblower allegations and, if warranted, undertake a thorough investigation.

We have forwarded the information provided by your office to our Kansas City Regional Office for review. This office is responsible for criminal and civil investigations of fraud and misconduct related to HHS programs and operations in Missouri, the State where the alleged fraud is taking place. On the basis of the results of the review, we will determine the appropriate course of action.

We hope this response will be helpful to your constituent. Should you have any questions, please contact me or your staff may contact Chris Hinkle, Director of Congressional and Regulatory Affairs, at 202-401-2206 or via email at [christina.hinkle@oig.hhs.gov](mailto:christina.hinkle@oig.hhs.gov).

Sincerely,

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Deputy Inspector General  
for Investigations