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The Honorable Claire McCaskill Ranking Member, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden Ranking Member, Committee on Finance United States Senate Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCaskill and Senator Wyden:

This letter responds to your May 10, 2018, letter in which you asked the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Office of Inspector General (OIG), to revise its practices and make publicly accessible a record of the history of integrity agreements OIG has entered into for each entity subject to an integrity agreement, especially those for which stipulated penalties, multiple agreements, and extensions have been required.

In response to your request, beginning on September 27, 2018, OIG will post on its website a list of closed corporate integrity agreements (CIAs) going back 10 years. OIG is also adding information to its website about its assessment of the future risk presented by defendants in False Claims Act (FCA) settlements consistent with information OIG provided to the public in April 2016. Starting in fiscal year (FY) 2019, OIG will publish information about FCA resolutions in each of the five categories we identified in the April 2016 publication. In addition, beginning with cases settled in FY 2019, OIG's website will identify FCA defendants that refused to enter into CIAs with OIG. OIG views these defendants as posing a heightened risk.

If you have questions, please call me at 202-619-3148, or your staff may contact Christopher Seagle, Director of External Affairs, at 202-260-7006 or Christopher.Seagle@oig.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

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¹ Criteria for implementing section 1128(b)(7) exclusion authority, April 18, 2016, HHS OIG website. Accessed September 14, 2018. Available at https://oig.hhs.gov/exclusions/files/1128b7exclusion-criteria.pdf.