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VIA FACSIMILE

Mr. Rosario Cirrincione
Director
FOI/Privacy Acts Division
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Mr. Cirrincione:

We are writing pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S. C. § 552, and the regulations set forth at 45 C.F.R. §§ 5.1-.85 (1988), to request copies of certain Office of Inspector General ("OIG") documents.

First, we are seeking copies of all "Medicare Fraud Alerts" or "Health Care Fraud Alerts" (i.e., "regular fraud alerts") pertaining to Medicare or Medicaid issued by the OIG since July 1998.

Second, we are seeking copies of any correspondence or other such guidance documents issued by the OIG regarding the Medicare and Medicaid anti-kickback statute, including but not limited to the application of the statute to the provision of free goods and services, other than those that are available on the OIG's internet site.

We would appreciate receiving this information as soon as possible. Please call me at 202/414-9388 when the documents are ready so we can arrange to have a messenger pick them up.

Please call me at the above phone number if you need additional information to process this request. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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