

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL



WASHINGTON, DC 20201

October 26, 2018

The Honorable Josh Stein Office of Attorney General 9001 Mail Service Center Raleigh, NC 27699-9001

Attn: F. Edward Kirby, Jr., Director, Medicaid Investigations Division

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (OIG), received your office's request to review the amended North Carolina False Claims Act, N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 1-605 through 1-618, 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 relating to the submission of 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 Health and Human Services in consultation with the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). After consulting with DOJ, we have determined that the amended North Carolina False Claims Act meets the requirements of section 1909 of the Act.

Any further amendment to the North Carolina 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 North Carolina 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 Lisa Veigel or Tamar Terzian at 202-619-0335.

Sincerely,

/s/ Daniel R. Levinson

Daniel R. Levinson Inspector General