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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

WASHINGTON, DC 20201



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Dear Ms. Weinberg:

RE: Ralph Stuart Hansen
OI File Number L-08-40623-9

We have received your information dated January 31, 2014 requesting a waiver of Dr. Ralph Stuart Hansen's exclusion from all Federal health care programs pursuant to section 1128(c)(3)(B) of the Social Security Act. The basis for this request is that Dr. Hansen is the sole community physician and the sole source of essential specialized services for seven counties in the Northwest region of New Mexico. These counties are Bernalillo, Cibola, McKinley, San Juan, Sandoval, Torrance, and Valencia, herein identified as the "Northwest Region". We have approved the waiver request effective with the date of this letter. This waiver is granted for the Northwest Region of New Mexico only as the services relate to Dr. Hansen's position as the Regional Health Officer.

Approval of the waiver request means that you may submit claims for payment of covered items and services furnished by Dr. Hansen after this date under all Federal health care programs. You should be aware of the fact that this decision does not affect Dr. Hansen's exclusion from participation in these programs outside his duties as the Regional Health Officer for the Northwest Region of New Mexico as well as any other State.

If at any time, Dr. Hansen no longer services the Northwest Region of New Mexico as the Regional Health Officer, his exclusion from the Federal health care programs will be fully reinstated.

Sincerely,
/Thomas Sowinski/

Thomas Sowinski
Reviewing Official/Special Agent in Charge
Health Care Program Exclusions