

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

## **OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**



Randy S. Lentz, M.D. 513 Ski Lake Dr., Apt. 10 Jesup, GA 31545

SEP 17 2014

Dear Randy S. Lentz:

Re: OI File No. 4-05-40396-9

On August 31, 2010, you were notified by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) that you were being excluded from participation in the Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal health care programs for a minimum period of 12 years. That action was taken under section 1128(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (Act) and was based on your conviction in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Georgia, of a criminal offense related to the delivery of an item or service under the Medicare or a State health care program. Your exclusion became effective September 20, 2010, and remains in effect.

By letter dated March 27, 2014, Jerry Dubberly, PharmD, MBA, Chief, Medical Assistance Plans, Georgia Department of Community Health, requested a waiver of your exclusion from Medicare, Medicaid and all Federal health care programs as defined in section 1128(h) of the Act. The request is based on the State agency's determination that you are the sole source of essential specialized services and/or the sole community physician in Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Ware, Pierce, Wayne, Glynn, McIntosh, Long, Liberty and Tatnall counties in Georgia. Since this request meets the criteria set forth in 42 CFR 1001.1801(b) and section 1128(c)(3)(B) of the Act, we are granting the State agency's request for the waiver of your exclusion to provide all physician services permitted under your licensure and consistent with the GA Medicaid State Plan as a medical doctor in Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Ware, Pierce, Wayne, Glynn, McIntosh, Long, Liberty, and Tatnall counties in Georgia under the Medicare, Medicaid and all Federal health care programs.

This waiver affects only the specified programs in the specified county in Georgia for as long as the State agency determines that such need exists. Your exclusion remains in effect for all items and services you furnish, order, or prescribe within all other programs in all other Georgia counties, cities and/or towns, and in all other States. This action does not otherwise change your current exclusion; it remains in effect and, as detailed in your exclusion notice, reinstatement is not automatic. You must apply for reinstatement at the end of your exclusion period in order to be considered for reinstatement.

Approval of the waiver request means that, <u>effective with the date of this notice</u>, you may submit claims for payment of covered items and services furnished, ordered, or prescribed by you to program beneficiaries in Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Ware, Pierce, Wayne, Glynn, McIntosh, Long, Liberty and Tatnall counties in Georgia. <u>This waiver is not retroactive</u> and does not authorize you to claim program payment for items and services that you have already rendered to program beneficiaries in Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Ware, Pierce, Wayne, Glynn, McIntosh, Long, Liberty and Tatnall counties in Georgia.

Should you wish to obtain a waiver of your exclusion for the purpose of participating in any Federal or State health care program outside of Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Ware, Pierce, Wayne, Glynn, McIntosh, Long, Liberty and Tatnall counties in Georgia you will have to contact those programs directly. You may present a copy of this letter to the appropriate officials of those other programs to substantiate that you have been granted a waiver by the OIG for Medicare, Medicaid and all Federal health care programs in Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Ware, Pierce, Wayne, Glynn, McIntosh, Long, Liberty and Tatnall counties in Georgia.

Your exclusion remains in effect until you have applied for and been granted reinstatement by the OIG. The waiver remains in effect as long as the State agency determines that a need for your services exists in Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Ware, Pierce, Wayne, Glynn, McIntosh, Long, Liberty and Tatnall counties in Georgia. Should the State agency determine that such need no longer exists or you cease to practice in these counties, your waiver will no longer apply to services you furnish, order, or prescribe in Brantley, Camden, Charlton, Ware, Pierce, Wayne, Glynn, McIntosh, Long, Liberty and Tatnall counties in Georgia.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Sowinski Reviewing Official

Health Care Program Exclusions

cc: Jerry Bubberly, PharmD, MBA Chief, Medical Assistance Plans 2 Peachtree Street, N. W. Atlanta, GA 30303