INTEGRITY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AND MARK GOLDBERG, M.D.

I. SCOPE OF INTEGRITY AGREEMENT

Mark Goldberg, M.D., ("Dr. Goldberg") hereby enters into this Integrity Agreement ("Agreement") with the Office of Inspector General ("OIG") of the United States Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") to promote compliance with the statutes, regulations, program requirements and written directives of Medicare, Medicaid, and all other Federal health care programs (as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b(f))("Federal health care program requirements") by Dr. Goldberg. During the term of this Agreement, Dr. Goldberg will be employed as a physician with **Rancocas Anesthesiology** ("RA"). Dr. Goldberg represents that he has no direct or indirect ownership interest in RA; his sole relationship with RA is as an employee who provides physician services. For the duration of the Agreement, Dr. Goldberg will have no responsibilities with respect to RA's billing for services rendered for Federal health care program beneficiaries. This Agreement applies to Dr. Goldberg during the course of employment with RA. This Agreement also applies to Dr. Goldberg if, at any time before the expiration of this Agreement, Dr. Goldberg engages in Federal health care program business in any capacity other than as an employee of RA. This Agreement applies to any entity that Dr. Goldberg owns or in which Dr. Goldberg has a control interest, as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-3(a)(3), any physician with whom Dr. Goldberg is associated for purposes of practicing medicine, and Dr. Goldberg's and any such other physician's or entity's partners, officers, directors, employees, agents, contractors and all third parties with whom Dr. Goldberg or such other physician or entity may choose to engage to act as billing or coding consultants for purposes of claiming reimbursement from the Federal health care programs, third parties engaged to consult, code, bill or submit reimbursement claims, and all other individuals responsible for the provision, marketing or documentation of items or services reimbursable by Federal health care programs, or in the preparation of claims, reports or other requests for reimbursement for such items or services ("Covered Persons"). Contemporaneously with this Agreement, Dr. Goldberg is entering into a Settlement Agreement with the United States, and this Agreement is incorporated by reference into the Settlement Agreement.

II. TERM OF THE AGREEMENT

Except as otherwise provided, the period of compliance obligations assumed by Dr. Goldberg under this Agreement shall be five years from the effective date of this Agreement.

The effective date of this Agreement shall be the date on which the final signatory of this Agreement executes this Agreement.

Sections VII, VIII, IX, X and XI shall expire no later than 120 days from the OIG's receipt of: (1) Dr. Goldberg's final annual report; or (2) any additional materials submitted by Dr. Goldberg pursuant to OIG's request, whichever is later.

III. INTEGRITY OBLIGATIONS

Dr. Goldberg hereby agrees to cause to be established a Compliance Program that, at minimum, includes the following elements:

A. Compliance Contact

Within 30 days of execution of this Agreement, a person shall be designated the Compliance Contact for purposes of developing and implementing policies, procedures and practices designed to ensure compliance with the obligations herein and with Federal health care program requirements. In addition, the Compliance Contact is responsible for responding to questions and concerns from Covered Persons and the OIG regarding compliance with the Agreement obligations. The name and phone number of the Compliance Contact shall be included in the Implementation Report. In the event a new Compliance Contact is appointed during the term of this Agreement, Dr. Goldberg shall notify the OIG, in writing, within 15 days of such a change.

B. Posting of Notice

Within the first 30 days following the effective date of this Agreement, a notice detailing Dr. Goldberg's commitment to comply with all Federal health care program requirements in the conduct of his business shall be posted in a prominent place accessible to all patients and Covered Persons. This notice shall include a means (*i.e.*, telephone number, address, etc.) by which instances of misconduct may be reported anonymously. A copy of this notice shall be included in the Implementation Report.

C. Written Policies and Procedures

Within 90 days of the effective date of this Agreement, written policies shall be developed, implemented, and made available to all Covered Persons that address the following:

1. Dr. Goldberg's commitment to operate his business in full compliance with all Federal health care program requirements;

2. The requirement that all Covered Persons shall be expected to comply with all Federal health care program requirements and with Dr. Goldberg's own Policies and Procedures as implemented pursuant to section III.C (including the requirements of this Agreement);

3. The requirement that all Covered Persons shall be expected to report to Dr. Goldberg or the Compliance Contact suspected violations of any Federal health care program requirements or Dr. Goldberg's own Policies and Procedures. Any Covered Person who makes an inquiry regarding compliance with Federal health care program requirements shall be able to do so without risk of retaliation or other adverse effect;

4. The requirement not to hire as employees or engage as contractors any Ineligible Person. For purposes of this Agreement, an "Ineligible Person" shall be any individual or entity who: (i) is currently excluded, debarred, suspended, or otherwise ineligible to participate in the Federal health care programs or in Federal procurement or non-procurement programs; or (ii) has been convicted of a criminal offense that falls within the ambit of 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7(a), but has not yet been excluded, debarred, suspended, or otherwise declared ineligible. To prevent hiring or contracting with any Ineligible Person, all prospective employees and contractors shall be checked prior to engaging their services against the HHS/OIG List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (available through the Internet at http:// oig.hhs.gov) and the General Services Administration's List of Parties Excluded from Federal Programs (available through the Internet at http://epls.arnet.gov). In addition to prospective checks, there shall be annual checks of all employees against each exclusion list;

5. The commitment of Dr. Goldberg to remain current with all Federal health care program requirements by obtaining and reviewing program memoranda, newsletters, and any other correspondence from the carrier related to Federal health care program requirements.

6. The proper procedures for the accurate preparation and submission of claims in accordance with Federal health care program requirements;

7. The proper documentation of services and billing information and the retention of such information in a readily retrievable form; and

8. The commitment of Dr. Goldberg to abide by all Federal health care program requirements pertaining to billing for concurrent procedures.

At least annually (and more frequently if appropriate), the Policies and Procedures shall be assessed and updated as necessary. Within 30 days of the effective date of any revisions, the relevant portions of any such revised Policies and Procedures shall be made available to all individuals whose job functions are related to those Policies and Procedures.

Within 90 days of the effective date of the Agreement and annually thereafter, each Covered Person shall certify in writing that he or she has read, understood, and will abide by the Policies and Procedures. New Covered Persons shall review the Policies and Procedures and

shall complete the required certification within two weeks after becoming a Covered Person or within 90 days of the effective date of the Agreement, whichever is later.

Copies of the written policies and procedures shall be included in the Implementation Report. Copies of any written policies and procedures that are subsequently revised shall be included in the Annual Report.

D. Training and Certification

Within 90 days following the effective date of this Agreement and at least once each year thereafter, Dr. Goldberg and Covered Persons involved in the delivery of patient care items or services and/or in the preparation or submission of claims for reimbursement from any Federal health care program shall receive at least four hours of training from an individual or entity, other than Dr. Goldberg or another Covered Person. The training shall be conducted by individuals with expertise in the relevant subject areas, *e.g.*, preparation or submission of claims to Federal health care programs for the types of services provided by Dr. Goldberg.

New Covered Persons involved in the delivery of patient care items or services and/or in the preparation or submission of claims for reimbursement from any Federal health care program shall receive the training described above within 30 days after becoming a Covered Person or within 90 days of the effective date of this Agreement, whichever is later. The training for New Covered Persons may either be provided internally by Covered Persons who have completed the required annual training or externally by a qualified individual or entity. Until they have received the requisite training, such New Covered Persons shall work under the direct supervision of a Covered Person who has received such training.

At a minimum, the annual and new employee training sessions shall cover the following topics:

1. Federal health care program requirements related to the proper submission of accurate bills for services rendered and/or items provided to Federal health care program patients;

2. The written Policies and Procedures developed pursuant to Section III.C., above;

3. The legal sanctions for improper billing or other violations of the Federal health care program requirements;

4. Examples of proper and improper billing practices; and

5. Federal health care program requirements pertaining to billing for concurrent procedures.

Each Covered Person shall annually certify in writing that he or she has received the required training. The certification shall specify the type of training received and the date

received. Dr. Goldberg shall retain the certifications, along with the training course materials. The training course materials shall be provided in the Annual Report.

E. Annual Review Procedures

1. *Retention of Independent Review Organization.* Within 90 days of the effective date of this Agreement, Dr. Goldberg shall retain a person or entity, such as a nurse reviewer, an accounting, auditing or consulting firm (hereinafter "Independent Review Organization" or "IRO"), to perform a review engagement to assist in assessing and evaluating Dr. Goldberg's billing and coding practices ("Billing Engagement"). The Independent Review Organization retained by Dr. Goldberg shall have expertise in the billing, coding, reporting and other requirements of the particular section of the health care industry pertaining to this Agreement and in the general requirements of the Federal health care programs from which Dr. Goldberg seeks reimbursement. The IRO shall assess, along with Dr. Goldberg, whether it can perform the IRO engagement in a professionally independent fashion, taking into account any other business relationships or other engagements that may exist.

2. *Frequency of the Billing Engagement.* The Billing Engagement shall be performed at least annually and shall cover each of the one-year periods beginning with the effective date of this Agreement. The IRO shall perform all components of each annual Billing Engagement and prepare the required reports in accordance with the procedures detailed in **Appendix A** to this Agreement, which is incorporated by reference into this Agreement.

3. *Retention of Records.* The IRO and Dr. Goldberg shall retain and make available to the OIG upon request all work papers, supporting documentation, correspondence, and draft reports exchanged between IRO and Dr. Goldberg related to the engagements.

4. *Independence Certification.* Within 120 days from the effective date of this Agreement, the IRO shall provide to Dr. Goldberg a certification or sworn affidavit that it has evaluated its professional independence with regard to the Billing Engagement and that it has concluded that it is, in fact, independent. Such certification shall be included in Dr. Goldberg's Implementation Report submission. Annual independence certifications shall be included in the Annual Report.

5. *Validation Review.* In the event the OIG has reason to believe that: (a) Dr. Goldberg's Billing Engagement fails to conform to the requirements of this Agreement; or (b) the findings or Claims Review results are inaccurate, the OIG may, at its sole discretion, conduct its own review to determine whether the Billing Engagement complies with the requirements of the Agreement and/or the findings or Claims Review results are inaccurate. Dr. Goldberg agrees to pay for the reasonable cost of any such review performed by the OIG or any of its designated agents so long as it is initiated before one year after the final submission (as described in section II) is received by the OIG.

Prior to initiating a Validation Review, the OIG shall notify Dr. Goldberg of its intent to do so and provide a written explanation of why the OIG believes such a review is necessary. To resolve any concerns raised by the OIG, Dr. Goldberg may request a meeting with the OIG to

discuss the results of any Engagement submissions or any Claims Review findings; present any additional or relevant information to clarify the results of the Engagements or to correct the inaccuracy of the Claims Review; and/or propose alternatives to the proposed Validation Review. Dr. Goldberg agrees to provide any additional information as may be requested by the OIG under this section in an expedited manner. The OIG will attempt in good faith to resolve any Billing Engagement and/or Claims Review issues with Dr. Goldberg prior to conducting a Validation Review. However, the final determination as to whether or not to proceed with a Validation Review shall be made at the sole discretion of the OIG.

F. Reporting of Overpayments and Material Deficiencies

1. *Overpayments*

a. *Definition of Overpayments.* For purposes of this Agreement, an "overpayment" shall mean the amount of money Dr. Goldberg has received in excess of the amount due and payable under any Federal health care program requirements. Dr. Goldberg may not subtract any underpayments for purposes of determining the amount of relevant "overpayments" for purposes of reporting under this Agreement.

b. *Reporting of Overpayments.* If, at any time, Dr. Goldberg identifies or learns of any overpayments, Dr. Goldberg shall notify the payor (*e.g.*, Medicare fiscal intermediary or carrier) within 30 days of identification of the overpayment and take remedial steps within 60 days of identification (or such additional time as may be agreed to by the payor) to correct the problem, including preventing the underlying problem and the overpayments from recurring. Also, within 30 days of identification of the overpayment, Dr. Goldberg shall repay the overpayment to the appropriate payor to the extent such overpayment has been quantified. If not yet quantified, within 30 days of identification, Dr. Goldberg shall notify the payor of its efforts to quantify the overpayment amount along with a schedule of when such work is expected to be completed. Notification and repayment to the payor should be done in accordance with the payor's policies, and for Medicare contractors, must include the information contained on the Overpayment Refund Form, provided as Appendix B to this Agreement. Notwithstanding the above, notification and repayment of any overpayment amount that routinely is reconciled or adjusted pursuant to policies and procedures established by the payor should be handled in accordance with such policies and procedures.

2. *Material Deficiencies.*

a. *Definition of Material Deficiency.* For purposes of this Agreement, a "Material Deficiency" means anything that involves:

(i) a substantial overpayment; or

(ii) a matter that a reasonable person would consider a probable violation of criminal, civil, or administrative laws applicable to any Federal health care program for which penalties or exclusion may be authorized.

A Material Deficiency may be the result of an isolated event or a series of occurrences.

b. Reporting of Material Deficiencies. If Dr. Goldberg determines, by any means, that there is a Material Deficiency, Dr. Goldberg shall notify OIG, in writing, within 30 days of making the determination that the Material Deficiency exists. The report to the OIG shall include the following information:

(i) If the Material Deficiency results in an overpayment, the report to the OIG shall be made at the same time as the notification to the payor required in section III.F.1, and shall include all of the information on the Overpayment Refund Form, as well as:

(A) the payor's name, address, and contact person to whom the overpayment was sent; and

(B) the date of the check and identification number (or electronic transaction number) on which the overpayment was repaid/refunded;

(ii) a complete description of the Material Deficiency, including the relevant facts, persons involved, and legal and Federal health care program authorities implicated;

(iii) a description of Dr. Goldberg's actions taken to correct the Material Deficiency; and

(iv) any further steps Dr. Goldberg plans to take to address the Material Deficiency and prevent it from recurring.

G. Notification of Government Investigatins or Legal Proceedings

Within 30 days of discovery, Dr. Goldberg shall notify OIG, in writing, of any ongoing investigation known to Dr. Goldberg or legal proceeding conducted or brought by a governmental entity or its agents involving an allegation that Dr. Goldberg has committed a crime or has engaged in fraudulent activities. This notification shall include a description of the allegation, the identity of the investigating or prosecuting agency, and the status of such investigation or legal proceeding. Dr. Goldberg shall also provide written notice to OIG within 30 days of the resolution of the matter, and shall provide OIG with a description of the findings and/or results of the proceedings, if any.

IV. NEW BUSINESS UNITS OR LOCATIONS

In the event that, after the effective date of this Agreement, Dr. Goldberg changes locations or sells, closes, purchases or establishes a new business related to the furnishing of items or services that may be reimbursed by Federal health care programs, Dr. Goldberg shall notify OIG of this fact as soon as possible, but no later than within 30 days of the date of change of location, sale, closure, purchase or establishment. This notification shall include the location of the new operation(s), phone number, fax number, Medicare provider or supplier number(s) (if any), and the corresponding contractor's name and address that has issued each Medicare provider number. All Covered Persons at such locations shall be subject to the applicable requirements in this Agreement (*e.g.*, completing certifications and undergoing training).

V. REPORTS

A. Implementation Report

Within 120 days after the effective date of this Agreement, Dr. Goldberg shall submit a written report to OIG summarizing the status of implementation of the requirements of this Agreement. This report, known as the "Implementation Report," shall include:

1. The name, address and phone number of Dr. Goldberg's Compliance Contact;

2. A copy of the notice posted in Dr. Goldberg's office as described in Section III.B and a description of where and when the notice has been posted;

3. A copy of the written policies and procedures required by section III.C. of this Agreement;

4. A certification signed by Dr. Goldberg attesting that the Policies and Procedures are being implemented and have been made available to all Covered Persons;

5. A copy of all training materials used for the training required by section III.D., a description of the training, including a summary of the topics covered, the length of the session(s) and a schedule of when the training session(s) were held;

6. A certification signed by Dr. Goldberg attesting that all Covered Persons have completed the initial training required by Section III.D. and have executed the required certifications;

7. The name and qualifications of the IRO, a summary/description of all engagements between Dr. Goldberg and the IRO, including, but not limited to, any outside financial audits, compliance program engagements, or reimbursement consulting, and the proposed start and completion dates of the first annual review;

8. A certification from the IRO regarding its professional independence from Dr. Goldberg;

9. A list of all Dr. Goldberg's locations (including locations and mailing addresses), the corresponding name under which each location is doing business, the corresponding phone numbers and fax numbers, each location's Medicare provider identification number(s) and the name and address of the Medicare contractor to which Dr. Goldberg currently submits claims; and

10. A certification from Dr. Goldberg stating that he has reviewed the Implementation Report, he has made a reasonable inquiry regarding its content and believes that, upon such inquiry, the information is accurate and truthful.

B. Annual Reports

Dr. Goldberg shall submit to OIG Annual Reports with respect to the status of and findings regarding Dr. Goldberg's compliance activities for each of the five one-year periods beginning on the effective date of the Agreement. (The one-year period covered by each Annual Report shall be referred to as "the Reporting Period"). The first Annual Report shall be received by the OIG no later than 60 days after the end of the first Reporting Period. Subsequent Annual Reports shall be received by OIG no later than the anniversary date of the due date of the first Annual Report.

Each Annual Report shall include:

1. If revisions were made to the written policies and procedures developed pursuant to section III.C. of this Agreement, a copy of any policies and procedures that were revised;

2. A certification by Dr. Goldberg that all Covered Persons have executed the annual Policies and Procedures certification required by section III.C.;

3. A schedule, topic outline and copies of the training materials for the training programs attended in accordance with section III.D. of this Agreement;

4. A certification signed by Dr. Goldberg certifying that he is maintaining written certifications from all Covered Persons that they received training pursuant to the requirements set forth in section III.D. of this Agreement;

5. A complete copy of all reports prepared pursuant to the IRO's Billing Engagement, including the Claims Review Report and Process Review Report, along with a copy of the IRO's engagement letter;

6. Dr. Goldberg's response and corrective action plan(s) related to any issues raised or recommendations made by the IRO;

7. A summary/description of all engagements between Dr. Goldberg and the IRO, including, but not limited to, any outside financial audits, compliance program engagements, or reimbursement consulting, if different from what was submitted as part of the Implementation Report;

8. A certification from the IRO regarding its professional independence from Dr. Goldberg;

9. A summary of Material Deficiencies (as defined in III.F.) identified during the Reporting Period and the status of any corrective and preventative action relating to all such Material Deficiencies;

10. A summary describing any ongoing investigation or legal proceeding required to have been reported pursuant to section III.G. The summary shall include a description of the allegation, the identity of the investigating or prosecuting agency, and the status of such investigation or legal proceeding;

11. A certification signed by Dr. Goldberg certifying that all prospective employees and contractors are being screened against the HHS/OIG List of Excluded Individuals/Entities and the General ServiceAdministration's List of Parties Excluded from Federal Programs; and

12. A certification signed by Dr. Goldberg certifying that he has reviewed the Annual Report, he has made a reasonable inquiry regarding its content and believes that, upon such inquiry, the information is accurate and truthful.

VI. NOTIFICATIONS AND SUBMISSION OF REPORTS

Unless otherwise stated subsequent to the execution of this Agreement, all notifications and reports required under the terms of this Agreement shall be submitted to the following:

OIG:
Administrative and Civil Recoveries Branch
Office of Counsel to the Inspector General
Office of Inspector General
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Cohen Building, Room 5527
330 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201
Ph. 202.619.2078
Fax 202.205.0604

Dr. Goldberg:
Jeffrey Gordon, M.D.
Rancocas Anesthesiology, P.A.
700 U.S. 130 North
Cinnaminson, NJ 08077
856.829.9345
Fax: 856.829.3605

Unless otherwise specified, all notifications and reports required by this Agreement may be made by certified mail, overnight mail, hand delivery or other means, provided that there is proof that such notification was received. For purposes of this requirement, internal facsimile confirmation sheets do not constitute proof of receipt.

VII. OIG INSPECTION, AUDIT AND REVIEW RIGHTS

In addition to any other rights OIG may have by statute, regulation, or contract, OIG or its duly authorized representative(s) may examine or request copies of Dr. Goldberg's books, records, and other documents and supporting materials and/or conduct on-site reviews of any of Dr. Goldberg's locations for the purpose of verifying and evaluating: (a) Dr. Goldberg's compliance with the terms of this Agreement; and (b) Dr. Goldberg's compliance with the requirements of the Federal health care programs in which he] participates. The documentation described above shall be made available by Dr. Goldberg to OIG or its duly authorized representative(s) at all reasonable times for inspection, audit or reproduction. Furthermore, for purposes of this provision, OIG or its duly authorized representative(s) may interview any of Dr. Goldberg's employees, contractors, or agents who consent to be interviewed at the individual's place of business during normal business hours or at such other place and time as may be mutually agreed upon between the individual and OIG. Dr. Goldberg agrees to assist OIG or its duly authorized representative(s) in contacting and arranging interviews with such individuals upon OIG's request. Dr. Goldberg's employees may elect to be interviewed with or without a representative of Dr. Goldberg present.

VIII. DOCUMENT AND RECORD RETENTION

Dr. Goldberg shall maintain for inspection all documents and records relating to reimbursement from the Federal health care programs, or to compliance with this Agreement, for six years (or longer if otherwise required by law).

IX. DISCLOSURES

Consistent with HHS's FOIA procedures, set forth in 45 C.F.R. Part 5, the OIG shall make a reasonable effort to notify Dr. Goldberg prior to any release by OIG of information submitted by Dr. Goldberg pursuant to its obligations under this Agreement and identified upon submission by Dr. Goldberg as trade secrets, or information that is commercial or financial and privileged or confidential, under the FOIA rules. With respect to such releases, Dr. Goldberg shall have the rights set forth at 45 C.F.R. § 5.65(d). Dr. Goldberg shall refrain from identifying any information as exempt from release if that information does not meet the criteria for exemption from disclosure under FOIA.

X. BREACH AND DEFAULT PROVISIONS

Full and timely compliance by Dr. Goldberg is expected throughout the duration of this Agreement with respect to all of the obligations herein agreed to by Dr. Goldberg.

A. Stipulated Penalties for Failure to Comply with Certain Obligations

As a contractual remedy, Dr. Goldberg and OIG hereby agree that failure to comply with certain obligations set forth in this Agreement may lead to the imposition of the following monetary penalties (hereinafter referred to as "Stipulated Penalties") in accordance with the following provisions.

1. A Stipulated Penalty of $1,000 (which shall begin to accrue on the day after the date the obligation became due) for each day Dr. Goldberg fails to:

a. have in place a Compliance Contact as required in section III.A;

b. post the notice required in section III.B;

c. implement and make available the Policies and Procedures required in section III.C;

d. require that Covered Persons attend the training required by section III.D. of the Agreement within the time frames required in that section;

e. retain an IRO within the time frame required in section III.E.1, or to submit the IRO's annual Claims Review Report and Process ReviewReport as required in section III.E and Appendix A; or

f. meet any of the deadlines for the submission of the Implementation Report or the Annual Reports to OIG.

2. A Stipulated Penalty of $750 (which shall begin to accrue on the date the failure to comply began) for each day Dr. Goldberg employs or contracts with an Ineligible Person and that person: (i) has responsibility for, or involvement with, Dr. Goldberg's business operations related to the Federal health care programs; or (ii) is in a position for which the person's salary or the items or services rendered, ordered, or prescribed by the person are paid in whole or part, directly or indirectly, by Federal health care programs or otherwise with Federal funds (the Stipulated Penalty described in this paragraph shall not be demanded for any time period during which Dr. Goldberg can demonstrate that Dr. Goldberg did not discover the person's exclusion or other ineligibility after making a reasonable inquiry (as described in section III.C.5) as to the status of the person).

3. A Stipulated Penalty of $750 for each day Dr. Goldberg fails to grant access to the information or documentation as required in section VII of this Agreement. (This Stipulated Penalty shall begin to accrue on the date Dr. Goldberg fails to grant access.)

4. A Stipulated Penalty of $750 for each day Dr. Goldberg fails to comply fully and adequately with any obligation of this Agreement. In its notice to Dr. Goldberg, OIG shall state the specific grounds for its determination that Dr. Goldberg has failed to comply fully and adequately with the Agreement obligation(s) at issue and steps the Dr. Goldberg must take to comply with the Agreement. (This Stipulated Penalty shall begin to accrue 10 days after the date Dr. Goldberg receives notice from the OIG of the failure to comply.) A Stipulated Penalty as described in this paragraph shall not be demanded for any violation for which the OIG has sought a Stipulated Penalty under paragraphs 1-3 of this section.

B. Timely Written Requests for Extensions

Dr. Goldberg may, in advance of the due date, submit a timely written request for an extension of time to perform any act or file any notification or report required by this Agreement. Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, if OIG grants the timely written request with respect to an act, notification, or report, Stipulated Penalties for failure to perform the act or file the notification or report shall not begin to accrue until one day after Dr. Goldberg fails to meet the revised deadline set by OIG. Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, if OIG denies such a timely written request, Stipulated Penalties for failure to perform the act or file the notification or report shall not begin to accrue until three business days after Dr. Goldberg receives OIG's written denial of such request or the original due date, whichever is later. A "timely written request" is defined as a request in writing received by OIG at least five business days prior to the date by which any act is due to be performed or any notification or report is due to be filed. Payment of Stipulated Penalties.

1. *Demand Letter.* Upon a finding that Dr. Goldberg has failed to comply with any of the obligations described in section X.A and after determining that Stipulated Penalties

are appropriate, OIG shall notify Dr. Goldberg of: (a) Dr. Goldberg's failure to comply; and (b) OIG's exercise of its contractual right to demand payment of the Stipulated Penalties (this notification is hereinafter referred to as the "Demand Letter").

2. *Response to Demand Letter.* Within 10 days of the receipt of the Demand Letter, Dr. Goldberg shall respond by either: (a) curing the breach to OIG's satisfaction and paying the applicable Stipulated Penalties; or (b) sending in writing to OIG a request for a hearing before an HHS administrative law judge ("ALJ") to dispute OIG's determination of noncompliance, pursuant to the agreed upon provisions set forth below in section X.E. In the event Dr. Goldberg elects to request an ALJ hearing, the Stipulated Penalties shall continue to accrue until Dr. Goldberg cures, to OIG's satisfaction, the alleged breach in dispute. Failure to respond to the Demand Letter in one of these two manners within the allowed time period shall be considered a material breach of this Agreement and shall be grounds for exclusion under section X.D.

3. *Form of Payment.* Payment of the Stipulated Penalties shall be made by certified or cashier's check, payable to: "Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services," and submitted to OIG at the address set forth in section VI.

4. *Independence from Material Breach Determination.* Except as set forth in section X.D.1.c, these provisions for payment of Stipulated Penalties shall not affect or otherwise set a standard for OIG's decision that Dr. Goldberg has materially breached this Agreement, which decision shall be made at OIG's discretion and shall be governed by the provisions in section X.D, below.

C. Exclusion for Material Breach of this Agreement

1. *Definition of Material Breach.* A material breach of this Agreement means:

a. a failure by Dr. Goldberg to report a Material Deficiency, take corrective action and make the appropriate refunds, as required in section III.F;

b. a repeated or flagrant violation of the obligations under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, the obligations addressed in section X.A;

c. a failure to respond to a Demand Letter concerning the payment of Stipulated Penalties in accordance with section X.C; or

d. a failure to retain and use an Independent Review Organization in accordance with section III.E.

2. *Notice of Material Breach and Intent to Exclude.* The parties agree that a material breach of this Agreement by Dr. Goldberg constitutes an independent basis for Dr. Goldberg's exclusion from participation in the Federal health care programs. Upon a determination by OIG that Dr. Goldberg has materially breached this Agreement and that

exclusion should be imposed, OIG shall notify Dr. Goldberg of: (a) Dr. Goldberg's material breach; and (b) OIG's intent to exercise its contractual right to impose exclusion (this notification is hereinafter referred to as the "Notice of Material Breach and Intent to Exclude").

3. *Opportunity to Cure.* Dr. Goldberg shall have 30 days from the date of receipt of the Notice of Material Breach and Intent to Exclude to demonstrate to OIG's satisfaction that:

a. Dr. Goldberg is in compliance with the obligations of the Agreement cited by the OIG as being the basis for the material breach;

b. the alleged material breach has been cured; or

c. the alleged material breach cannot be cured within the 30-day period, but that: (i) Dr. Goldberg has begun to take action to cure the material breach; (ii) Dr. Goldberg is pursuing such action with due diligence; and (iii) Dr. Goldberg has provided to OIG a reasonable timetable for curing the material breach.

4. *Exclusion Letter.* If at the conclusion of the 30-day period, Dr. Goldberg fails to satisfy the requirements of section X.D.3, OIG may exclude Dr. Goldberg from participation in the Federal health care programs. OIG will notify Dr. Goldberg in writing of its determination to exclude Dr. Goldberg (this letter shall be referred to hereinafter as the "Exclusion Letter"). Subject to the Dispute Resolution provisions in section X.E, below, the exclusion shall go into effect 30 days after the date of the Exclusion Letter. The exclusion shall have national effect and shall also apply to all other Federal procurement and non-procurement programs. Reinstatement to program participation is not automatic. If at the end of the period of exclusion, Dr. Goldberg wishes to apply for reinstatement, Dr. Goldberg must submit a written request for reinstatement in accordance with the provisions at 42 C.F.R. §§ 1001.3001-.3004.

D. Dispute Resolution

1. *Review Rights.* Upon OIG's delivery to Dr. Goldberg of its Demand Letter or of its Exclusion Letter, and as an agreed-upon contractual remedy for the resolution of disputes arising under this Agreement, Dr. Goldberg shall be afforded certain review rights comparable to the ones that are provided in 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7(f) and 42 C.F.R. Part 1005 as if they applied to the Stipulated Penalties or exclusion sought pursuant to this Agreement. Specifically, OIG's determination to demand payment of Stipulated Penalties or to seek exclusion shall be subject to review by an HHS ALJ and, in the event of an appeal, the HHS Departmental Appeals Board ("DAB"), in a manner consistent with the provisions in 42 C.F.R. §§ 1005.2-1005.21. Notwithstanding the language in 42 C.F.R. § 1005.2(c), the request for a hearing involving Stipulated Penalties shall be made within 10 days of the receipt of the Demand Letter and the request for a hearing involving exclusion shall be made within 25 days of receipt of the Exclusion Letter.

2. *Stipulated Penalties Review.* Notwithstanding any provision of Title 42 of the United States Code or Chapter 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the only issues in a proceeding for Stipulated Penalties under this Agreement shall be: (a) whether Dr. Goldberg was in full and timely compliance with the obligations of this Agreement for which OIG demands payment; and (b) the period of noncompliance. Dr. Goldberg shall have the burden of proving its full and timely compliance and the steps taken to cure the noncompliance, if any. The OIG shall not have the right to appeal to the DAB an adverse ALJ decision related to Stipulated Penalties. If the ALJ agrees with OIG with regard to a finding of a breach of this Agreement and orders Dr. Goldberg to pay Stipulated Penalties, such Stipulated Penalties shall become due and payable 20 days after the ALJ issues such a decision unless Dr. Goldberg requests review of the ALJ decision by the DAB. If the ALJ decision is properly appealed to the DAB and the DAB upholds the determination of OIG, the Stipulated Penalties shall become due and payable 20 days after the DAB issues its decision.

3. *Exclusion Review.* Notwithstanding any provision of Title 42 of the United States Code or Chapter 42 of the Code of Federal Regulations, the only issues in a proceeding for exclusion based on a material breach of this Agreement shall be:

a. whether Dr. Goldberg was in material breach of this Agreement;

b. whether such breach was continuing on the date of the Exclusion Letter; and

c. whether the alleged material breach could not have been cured within the 30 day period, but that:

(i) Dr. Goldberg had begun to take action to cure the material breach within that period;

(ii) Dr. Goldberg has pursued and is pursuing such action with due diligence; and

(iii) Dr. Goldberg provided to OIG within that period a reasonable timetable for curing the material breach and Dr. Goldberg has followed the timetable.

For purposes of the exclusion herein, exclusion shall take effect only after an ALJ decision favorable to OIG, or, if the ALJ rules for Dr. Goldberg, only after a DAB decision in favor of OIG. Dr. Goldberg's election of its contractual right to appeal to the DAB shall not abrogate OIG's authority to exclude Dr. Goldberg upon the issuance of an ALJ's decision in favor of OIG. If the ALJ sustains the determination of OIG and determines that exclusion is authorized, such exclusion shall take effect 20 days after the ALJ issues such a decision, notwithstanding that Dr. Goldberg may request review of the ALJ decision by the DAB. If the DAB finds in favor of OIG after an ALJ decision adverse to OIG, the exclusion shall take effect 20 days after the DAB decision. Dr. Goldberg agrees to waive his right to any notice of such an

exclusion if a decision upholding the exclusion is rendered by the ALJ or DAB. If the DAB finds in favor of Dr. Goldberg, Dr. Goldberg will be reinstated effective on the date of the original exclusion.

4. *Finality of Decision.* The review by an ALJ or DAB provided for above shall not be considered to be an appeal right arising under any statutes or regulations. Consequently, the parties to this Agreement agree that the DAB's decision (or the ALJ's decision if not appealed) shall be considered final for all purposes under this Agreement.

XI. EFFECTIVE AND BINDING AGREEMENT

Consistent with the provisions in the Settlement Agreement pursuant to which this Agreement is entered, and into which this Agreement is incorporated, Dr. Goldberg and the OIG agree as follows:

1. This Agreement shall be binding on the successors, assigns and transferees of Dr. Goldberg.

2. This Agreement shall become final and binding on the date the final signature is obtained on the Agreement.

3. Any modifications to this Agreement shall be made with the prior written consent of the parties to this Agreement.

4. OIG may agree to a suspension of Dr. Goldberg's obligations under this Agreement in the event of Dr. Goldberg's cessation of participation in Federal health care programs. If Dr. Goldberg withdraws from participation in Federal health care programs and is relieved from its Agreement obligations by the OIG, Dr. Goldberg agrees to notify the OIG 30 days in advance of Dr. Goldberg's intent to reapply as a participating provider or supplier with the Federal health care programs. Upon receipt of such notification, OIG will evaluate whether the Agreement should be reactivated or modified.

5. The undersigned Dr. Goldberg signatories represent and warrant that they are authorized to execute this Agreement. The undersigned OIG signatory represents that he is signing this Agreement in his official capacity and that he is authorized to execute this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto affix their signatures:

MARK GOLDBERG, M.D.:

10/29/02
Date

Dr. Goldberg

10/29/02
Date

Counsel for Dr. Goldberg

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES:

11/6/02
Date

Lewis Morris, Esquire
Chief Counsel
Office of Inspector General
U. S. Department of Health and Human Services

APPENDIX A

A. Billing Engagement

The Billing Engagement shall be composed of two separate reviews, a "Claims Review" and a "Process Review." The IRO shall prepare a Claims Review Report and a Process Review Report to communicate the findings of the reviews.

1. ***Claims Review.*** The IRO shall perform a Claims Review to identify any Overpayments through an appraisal of Paid Claims submitted by Dr. Goldberg to the Medicare program.

2. ***Claims Review Report.*** The IRO shall prepare a report based upon each Claims Review performed ("Claims Review Report"). The Claims Review Report shall be submitted to the OIG in the Annual Report.

3. ***Process Review.*** The IRO shall review Dr. Goldberg's billing and coding systems and/or operations (the "Process Review"). This review shall examine the coding process and claim submission/billing process (including, but not limited to, the operation of the billing system, the process for coding claims, safeguards to ensure proper coding and claim submission, and procedures to correct inaccurate coding or billing).

4. ***Process Review Report.*** The IRO shall prepare a report based upon the Process Review ("Process Review Report"). The Process Review Report shall include the IRO's findings and supporting rationale regarding the strengths and weaknesses in Dr. Goldberg's coding and billing systems and/or operations. This report shall also include any recommendations the IRO may have to improve any of these systems, operations, and processes, and a discussion of how Dr. Goldberg can implement such recommendations. The Process Review Report shall be submitted to the OIG in the Annual Report.

B. Claims Review

1. ***Definitions***. For the purposes of the Claims Review, the following definitions shall be used:

a. Claims Review Sample: A statistically valid, randomly selected sample of items selected for appraisal in the Claims Review.

b. Item: Any discrete unit that can be sampled (*e.g.,* code. line item, beneficiary, patient encounter). For purposes of this claims review, an item shall be each claim submitted to Medicare on behalf of Dr. Goldberg or any entity that Dr. Goldberg owns or in which Dr. Goldberg has a control interest, as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-3(a)(3), or any physician with whom Dr. Goldberg is associated for purposes of practicing medicine (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Dr. Goldberg.").

c. Overpayment: Consistent with the definition of Overpayment as articulated in section III.H.1.a of the Agreement, the amount of money Dr. Goldberg has received in excess of the amount due and payable under any Federal health care program requirements. For the purposes of the Claims Review and all reporting to the OIG under this Agreement, Dr. Goldberg shall not subtract or "net out" underpayments when determining the amount of relevant Overpayments.

d. Paid Claim: A code or line item submitted by Dr. Goldberg and for which Dr. Goldberg has received reimbursement from the Medicare program.

e. Population: All Items for which Dr. Goldberg has submitted a code or line item and for which Dr. Goldberg has received reimbursement from the Medicare program (*i.e.*, a Paid Claim) during the 12-month period covered by the Claims Review. To be included in the Population, an Item must have resulted in at least one Paid Claim.

f. RAT-STATS: OIG's Office of Audit Services Statistical Sampling Software. RAT-STATS is publicly available to download through the Internet at "www.hhs.gov/oig/oas/ratstat.html".

2. ***Description of Claims Review***. The Claims Review shall consist of an appraisal of a statistically valid sample of Items (the Claims Review Sample) that can be projected to the total Population.

a. Claims Review Sample. Review a minimum 100 Items Claims Review Sample. The 100 Items shall be selected for appraisal through the use of RAT-STATS' "Random Numbers" function. All Paid Claims associated with these Items shall be reviewed and reported on in the Claims Review Report (See Section C., below).

b. Item Appraisal. For each Item appraised, only Paid Claims shall be evaluated. Every Paid Claim in the Claims Review Sample shall be evaluated by the IRO to determine whether the claim submitted was correctly coded, submitted, and reimbursed. As part of the Item Appraisal the IRO shall also compare each Paid Claim with the operating room records to verify the date and time of the procedure performed and to verify the identity of physician who performed the procedure. Each appraisal must be sufficient to provide all information required under the Claims Review Report.

c. Paid Claims without Supporting Documentation. For the purpose of appraising Items included in the Claims Review Sample, any Paid Claim for which Dr. Goldberg cannot produce documentation sufficient to support the Paid Claim shall be considered an error and the total reimbursement received by Dr. Goldberg for such Paid Claim shall be deemed an Overpayment. Replacement sampling for Paid Claims with missing documentation is not permitted.

d. Use of First Samples Drawn. For the purposes of the Claims Review Sample discussed in this Appendix, the Paid Claims associated with the Items selected in the first sample (or first sample for each strata, if applicable) shall be used. In other words, it is not permissible to generate a number of random samples and then select one for use as the Claims Review Sample.

C. Claims Review Report. The following information shall be included in each Claims Review Report:

1. ***Claims Review Methodology***

a. Claims Review Objective: A clear statement of the objective intended to be achieved by the Claims Review.

b. Sampling Unit: A description of the Item as that term is utilized for the Claims Review. As noted in section B.1.b above, for purposes of this Billing Engagement, the term "Item" may refer to any discrete unit that can be sampled (*e.g.*, claim, line item, beneficiary, patient encounter, etc.).

c. Claims Review Population: A description of the Population subject to the Claims Review.

d. Sampling Frame: A description of the sampling frame, which is the totality of Items from which the Claims Review Sample has been selected and an explanation of the methodology used to identify the sampling frame. In most circumstances, the sampling frame will be identical to the Population.

e. Sources of Data: A description of the documentation relied upon by the IRO

when performing the Claims Review (*e.g.*, medical records, physician orders, certificates of medical necessity, requisition forms, local medical review policies, CMS program memoranda, Medicare carrier or intermediary manual or bulletins, other policies, regulations, or directives).

f. Review Protocol: A narrative description of how the Claims Review was conducted and what was evaluated.

2. ***Statistical Sampling Documentation***

a. The number of Items appraised in the Claims Review Sample;

b. A copy of the RAT-STATS printout of the random numbers generated by the "Random Numbers" function for the Claims Review Sample; and

c. The Sampling Frame used in the Claims Review Sample shall be available to the OIG upon request.

3. ***Claims Review Results***

a. Total number and percentage of instances in which the IRO determined that the Paid Claim submitted by Dr. Goldberg ("Claim Submitted") differed from what should have been the correct claim ("Correct Claim"), regardless of the effect on the payment;

b. Total number and percentage of instances in which the Claim Submitted differed from the Correct Claim and in which such difference resulted in an Overpayment to Dr. Goldberg;

c. The total dollar amount of all Paid Claims in the Claims Review Sample and the total dollar amount of Overpayments associated with the Paid Claims identified by the Claims Review. (This is the total dollar amount of the Overpayments identified in section C.3.b above.) The IRO may, in its report to Dr. Goldberg, identify underpayments, but any underpayments identified during the Claims Review shall not be offset or "netted out" of the total dollar amount of Paid Claims or of the Overpayments when reporting these amounts in the Claims Review Report to the OIG; and

d. A spreadsheet of the Claims Review results that includes the following information for each Paid Claim appraised: Federal health care program billed, beneficiary health insurance claim number, date of service, procedure code submitted, procedure code reimbursed, allowed amount reimbursed by payor, correct procedure code (as determined by the IRO), correct allowed amount (as determined by the IRO), dollar difference between allowed amount reimbursed by payor and the correct allowed amount.

4. ***Credentials.*** The names and credentials of the individuals who: (1) designed the statistical sampling procedures and the review methodology utilized for the Claims Review; and (2) performed the Claims Review.

AMENDMENT TO THE INTEGRITY AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
AND
MARK GOLDBERG, M.D.

The Office of Inspector General ("OIG") of the Department of Health and Human Services and Mark Goldberg, M.D. ("Dr. Goldberg") entered into an Integrity Agreement ("IA") on November 6, 2002.

1. Pursuant to section XI.3. of the IA, modifications to the IA may be made with the prior written consent of both the OIG and Dr. Goldberg. Therefore, the OIG and Dr. Goldberg hereby agree that Dr. Goldberg's IA will be amended as follows:

   Section III.E., Review Procedures of the IA is hereby superceded by the attached new section III.E., Review Procedures.

   Appendix A of Dr. Goldberg's IA is hereby superceded by the attached new Appendix A.

2. The OIG and Dr. Goldberg agree that all other sections of Dr. Goldberg's IA will remain unchanged and in effect, unless specifically amended upon the prior written consent of the OIG and Dr. Goldberg.

3. The undersigned Dr. Goldberg signatories represent and warrant that they are authorized to execute this Amendment. The undersigned OIG signatory represents that he is signing the Amendment in his official capacity and that he is authorized to execute this Amendment.

4. This effective date of this Amendment will be the date on which the final signatory of this Amendment signs this Amendment.

ON BEHALF OF MARK GOLDBERG, M.D.

[*Name*]
[*Title*]

4-16-03
DATE

ON BEHALF OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Larry Goldberg

Larry Goldberg
Assistant Inspector General for Legal Affairs
Office of Inspector General
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

5/13/03
DATE

E. Review Procedures.

1. *General Description.*

a. Retention of Independent Review Organization. Within 90 days of the effective date of this IA, Dr. Goldberg shall retain a person or entity, such as a nurse reviewer, an accounting, auditing or consulting firm (hereinafter "Independent Review Organization" or "IRO"), to perform a review engagement to assist in assessing and evaluating his billings and coding practices ("Billing Engagement"). The IRO retained by Dr. Goldberg shall have expertise in the billing, coding, reporting and other requirements of the particular section of the health care industry pertaining to this Agreement and in the general requirements of the Federal health care programs for which Dr. Goldberg seeks reimbursement. The IRO shall assess, along with Dr. Goldberg, whether it can perform the IRO engagement in a professionally independent fashion, taking into account any other business relationships or other engagements that may exist. The IRO(s) review shall address and analyze Dr. Goldberg's billing and coding to the Federal health care programs ("Claims Review"), and shall analyze Dr. Goldberg's compliance with the obligations assumed under this IA and the Settlement Agreement ("Compliance Review").

b. Frequency of Claims Review. The Claims Review shall be performed annually and shall cover each of the one-year periods of the IA beginning with the effective date of this IA. The IRO(s) shall perform all components of each annual Claims Review.

c. Frequency of Compliance Review. The Compliance Review shall be performed by the IRO for the first one-year period beginning with the effective date of this IA.

d. Retention of Records. The IRO and Dr. Goldberg shall retain and make available to the OIG, upon request, all work papers, supporting documentation, correspondence, and draft reports (those exchanged between the IRO and Dr. Goldberg) related to the reviews.

2. *Claims Review.* The Claims Review shall include a Discovery Sample and, if necessary, a Full Sample. The applicable definitions, procedures, and reporting requirements are outlined in Appendix A to this IA, which is incorporated by reference.

a. Discovery Sample. The IRO shall randomly select and review a sample of 50 Medicare and other Federal health care programs Paid Claims submitted by or on behalf of Dr. Goldberg. The Paid Claims shall be reviewed based on the supporting documentation available to Dr. Goldberg or under Dr. Goldberg's control and applicable billing and coding regulations and guidance to determine whether the claim submitted was correctly coded, submitted, and reimbursed.

i. If the Error Rate (as defined in Appendix A) for the Discovery Sample is less than 5%, no additional sampling is required, nor is the Systems Review required. (Note: The threshold listed above does not imply that this is an acceptable error rate. Accordingly, Dr. Goldberg should, as appropriate, further analyze any errors identified in the Discovery Sample. Dr. Goldberg recognizes that the OIG or other HHS component, in its discretion and as authorized by statute, regulation, or other appropriate authority may also analyze or review Paid Claims included, or errors identified, in the Discovery Sample.)

ii. If the Discovery Sample indicates that the Error Rate is 5% or greater, the IRO shall perform a Full Sample and a Systems Review, as described below.

b. Full Sample. If necessary, as determined by procedures set forth in Section III.E.2., the IRO shall perform an additional sample of Paid Claims using commonly accepted sampling methods and in accordance with Appendix A. The Full Sample should be designed to (1) estimate the actual Overpayment in the population with a 90% confidence level and with a maximum relative precision of 25% of the point estimate and (2) conform with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' statistical sampling for overpayment estimation guidelines. The Paid Claims shall be reviewed based on supporting documentation available to Dr. Goldberg or under Dr. Goldberg's control and applicable billing and coding regulations and guidance to determine whether the claim submitted was correctly coded, submitted, and reimbursed. For purposes of calculating the size of the Full Sample, the Discovery Sample may serve as the probe sample, if statistically appropriate. Additionally, Dr. Goldberg may use the Items sampled as part of the Discovery Sample, and the corresponding findings for those 50 Items, as part of its Full Sample, if statistically appropriate. The OIG, in its full discretion, may refer the findings of the Full Sample (and any related workpapers) received from Dr. Goldberg to the appropriate

Federal health care program payor, including the Medicare contractor (*e.g.*, carrier, fiscal intermediary, or DMERC), for appropriate follow-up by that payor.

c. Systems Review. If Dr. Goldberg's Discovery Sample identifies an Error Rate of 5% or greater, Dr. Goldberg's IRO shall also conduct a Systems Review. Specifically, for each Item in the Discovery Sample and Full Sample that resulted in an Overpayment, the IRO should perform a "walk through" of the system(s) and process(es) that generated the Item to identify any problems or weaknesses that may have resulted in the identified Overpayments. The IRO shall provide to Dr. Goldberg the IRO's observations and recommendations on suggested improvements to the system(s) and the process(es) that generated the claim.

d. Repayment of Identified Overpayments. In accordance with section III.F.1 of the IA, Dr. Goldberg agrees to repay within 30 days any Overpayment(s) identified in the Discovery Sample or the Full Sample (if applicable), regardless of the Error Rate, to the appropriate payor and in accordance with payor refund policies. Dr. Goldberg agrees to make available to the OIG any and all documentation that reflects the refund of the Overpayment(s) to the payor.

3. *Claims Review Report.* The IRO shall prepare a report based upon the Claims Review performed (the "Claims Review Report"). Information to be included in the Claims Review Report is detailed in Appendix A.

4. *Compliance Review.* The IRO shall conduct a review of Dr. Goldberg's compliance activities. The Compliance Review shall consist of a review of Dr. Goldberg's compliance with the obligations set forth in each section of this IA.

5. *Compliance Review Report.* The IRO shall prepare a report based upon the Compliance Review performed. The Compliance Review Report shall include the IRO's findings and supporting rationale regarding Dr. Goldberg's compliance with the terms of each section of the IA, as applicable.

6. *Validation Review.* In the event the OIG has reason to believe that: (a) Dr. Goldberg's Claims Review, or Compliance Review fails to conform to the requirements of this IA; or (b) the IRO's findings or Claims Review results are inaccurate, the OIG may, at its sole discretion, conduct its own review to determine whether the Claims Review, or Compliance Review complied with the requirements of the IA and/or the

findings or Claims Review results are inaccurate ("Validation Review"). Dr. Goldberg agrees to pay for the reasonable cost of any such review performed by the OIG or any of its designated agents so long as it is initiated before one year after Dr. Goldberg's final Annual Report and any additional information requested by the OIG is received by the OIG.

Prior to initiating a Validation Review, the OIG shall notify Dr. Goldberg of its intent to do so and provide a written explanation of why the OIG believes such a review is necessary. To resolve any concerns raised by the OIG, Dr. Goldberg may request a meeting with the OIG to discuss the results of any Claims Review, or Compliance Review submissions or findings; present any additional or relevant information to clarify the results of the Claims Review, or Compliance Review or to correct the inaccuracy of the Claims Review; and/or propose alternatives to the Validation Review. Dr. Goldberg agrees to provide any additional information as may be requested by the OIG under this section in an expedited manner. The OIG will attempt in good faith to resolve any Claims Review, or Compliance Review issues with Dr. Goldberg prior to conducting a Validation Review. However, the final determination as to whether or not to proceed with a Validation Review shall be made at the sole discretion of the OIG.

7. *Independence Certification.* The IRO shall include in its report(s) to Dr. Goldberg a certification or sworn affidavit that it has evaluated its professional independence with regard to the Claims Review, and Compliance Review and that it has concluded that it is, in fact, independent.

APPENDIX A

A. Claims Review.

1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of the Claims Review, the following definitions shall be used:

a. Overpayment: The amount of money Dr. Goldberg has received in excess of the amount due and payable under any Federal health care program requirements.

b. Item: Any discrete unit that can be sampled (e.g., code, line item, beneficiary, patient encounter, etc.).

c. Paid Claim: A code or line item submitted by Dr. Goldberg and for which Dr. Goldberg has received reimbursement from Medicare or other Federal health care programs.

d. Population: All Items for which Dr. Goldberg has submitted a code or line item and for which Dr. Goldberg has received reimbursement from the Medicare and other Federal health care programs (i.e., a Paid Claim) during the 12-month period covered by the Claims Review. To be included in the Population, an Item must have resulted in at least one Paid Claim.

e. Error Rate: The Error Rate shall be the percentage of net Overpayments identified in the sample. The net Overpayments shall be calculated by subtracting all underpayments identified in the sample from all gross Overpayments identified in the sample. (Note: Any potential cost settlements or other supplemental payments should not be included in the net Overpayment calculation. Rather, only underpayments identified as part of the Discovery Sample or Full Sample (as applicable) shall be included as part of the net Overpayment calculation.)

The Error Rate is calculated by dividing the net Overpayment identified in the sample by the total dollar amount associated with the Items in the sample.

2. **Other Requirements.**

a. Paid Claims without Supporting Documentation. For the purpose of appraising Items included in the Claims Review, any Paid Claim for which Dr. Goldberg cannot produce documentation sufficient to support the Paid Claim shall be considered an error and the total reimbursement received by Dr. Goldberg for such Paid Claim shall be deemed an Overpayment. Replacement sampling for Paid Claims with missing documentation is not permitted.

b. Use of First Samples Drawn. For the purposes of all samples (Discovery Sample(s) and Full Sample(s)) discussed in this Appendix, the Paid Claims associated with the Items selected in each first sample (or first sample for each strata, if applicable) shall be used. In other words, it is not permissible to generate more than one list of random samples and then select one for use with the Discovery Sample or Full Sample.

B. Claims Review Report. The following information shall be included in the Claims Review Report for each Discovery Sample and Full Sample (if applicable).

1. **Claims Review Methodology.**

a. Sampling Unit. A description of the Item as that term is utilized for the Claims Review.

b. Claims Review Population. A description of the Population subject to the Claims Review.

c. Claims Review Objective. A clear statement of the objective intended to be achieved by the Claims Review.

d. Sampling Frame. A description of the sampling frame, which is the totality of Items from which the Discovery Sample and, if any, Full Sample has been selected and an explanation of the methodology used to identify the sampling frame. In most circumstances, the sampling frame will be identical to the Population.

e. Source of Data. A description of the documentation relied upon by the IRO when performing the Claims Review (e.g., medical records, physician orders, certificates of medical necessity, requisition forms, local medical review policies, CMS program memoranda, Medicare carrier or intermediary manual or bulletins, other policies, regulations, or directives).

f. Review Protocol. A narrative description of how the Claims Review was conducted and what was evaluated.

2. **Statistical Sampling Documentation.**

a. The number of Items appraised in the Discovery Sample and, if applicable, in the Full Sample.

b. A copy of the printout of the random numbers generated by the "Random Numbers" function of the statistical sampling software used by the IRO.

c. A copy of the statistical software printout(s) estimating how many Items are to be included in the Full Sample, if applicable.

d. A description or identification of the statistical sampling software package used to conduct the sampling.

3. **Claims Review Findings.**

a. Narrative Results.

i. A description of Dr. Goldberg's billing and coding system(s), including the identification, by position description, of the personnel involved in coding and billing.

ii. A narrative explanation of the IRO's findings and supporting rationale (including reasons for errors, patterns noted, etc.) regarding the Claims Review, including the results of the Discovery Sample, and the results of the Full Sample (if any) with the gross Overpayment amount, the net Overpayment amount, and the corresponding Error Rate(s) related to the net Overpayment.

b. Quantitative Results.

i. Total number and percentage of instances in which the IRO determined that the Paid Claims submitted by Dr. Goldberg ("Claim Submitted") differed from what should have been the correct claim ("Correct Claim"), regardless of the effect on the payment.

ii. Total number and percentage of instances in which the Claim Submitted differed from the Correct Claim and in which such difference resulted in an Overpayment to Dr. Goldberg.

iii. Total dollar amount of paid Items included in the sample and the net Overpayment associated with the sample.

iv. Error Rate in the sample(s).

v. A spreadsheet of the Claims Review results that includes the following information for each Paid Claim appraised: Federal health care program billed, beneficiary health insurance claim number, date of service, procedure code submitted, procedure code reimbursed, allowed amount reimbursed by payor, correct procedure code (as determined by the IRO), correct allowed amount (as determined by the IRO), dollar difference between allowed amount reimbursed by payor and the correct allowed amount. (See Attachment 1 to this Appendix.)

4. **Systems Review.** Observations, findings and recommendations on possible improvements to the system(s) and process(es) that generated the Overpayment(s).

5. **Credentials.** The names and credentials of the individuals who: (1) designed the statistical sampling procedures and the review methodology utilized for the Claims Review; and (2) performed the Claims Review.