

CORPORATE INTEGRITY AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL
OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
AND
ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM SUNBELT HEALTHCARE CORPORATION AND
METROPLEX HOSPITAL

I. PREAMBLE

Adventist Health System Sunbelt Healthcare Corporation (“Adventist”) and Metroplex Hospital (“Metroplex Hospital”) hereby enter into this Corporate Integrity Agreement (“CIA”) with the Office of Inspector General (“OIG”) of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) to promote compliance by the officers, directors, employees of Metroplex Hospital as well as those Adventist employees who serve in senior management positions at Metroplex Hospital (“Covered Persons”) and “Covered Contractors,” as defined below, with the statutes, regulations 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”). Contemporaneously with this CIA, Adventist and Metroplex Hospital are entering into a Settlement Agreement with the United States, and this CIA is incorporated by reference into the Settlement Agreement.

For the purposes of this CIA, the definition of “Covered Persons” excludes housekeeping staff, dietary employees and maintenance workers. In addition, for purposes of this CIA, “Covered Contractor” is an entity (or individual) that, although not a Covered Person, either provides patient care to Federal health care program beneficiaries in Metroplex Hospital facilities or participates in billings or related submissions to Federal health care programs for Metroplex Hospital on a regular basis (i.e., more often than two weeks over a 52-week period).

Prior to execution of this CIA, Adventist voluntarily established a corporate compliance program (known as the “CompassPoint Compliance Program”) that applies to all Adventist’s subsidiaries and facilities, including Metroplex Hospital. The CompassPoint Compliance Program establishes corporate integrity policies and procedures and, as represented by Adventist, is aimed in part at ensuring that Adventist’s participation in Federal health care programs is in conformity with the statutes, regulations, and other

directives applicable to the programs. Adventist agrees that during the term of this CIA it will continue to operate its CompassPoint Compliance Program as it pertains to Metroplex Hospital in a manner that meets the requirements of this CIA. Adventist may modify the CompassPoint Compliance Program as appropriate, but at a minimum, Adventist shall ensure that it complies with the integrity obligations for Metroplex Hospital that are enumerated in this CIA.

II. TERM OF THE CIA

The period of the compliance obligations assumed by Hospital under this CIA shall be three (3) years from the Effective Date of this CIA (unless otherwise specified). The Effective Date of this CIA shall be the date on which the final signatory of this CIA executes this CIA.

Sections VII, VIII, IX, X and XI shall remain in effect until Metroplex Hospital submits all information required by OIG as part of the final Annual Report.

III. CORPORATE INTEGRITY OBLIGATIONS

Adventist and Metroplex Hospital hereby agree to maintain a Compliance Program that includes the following elements:

A. Compliance Officer and Committee.

1. *Compliance Officer.* Metroplex Hospital has appointed and will continue to employ an individual to serve as its Local Compliance Officer as outlined below during the term of this CIA. The Local Compliance Officer is a member of senior management of Metroplex Hospital, makes periodic (at least quarterly) reports regarding compliance matters directly to the Board of Directors of Metroplex Hospital, and is authorized to report on such matters to the Board of Directors at any time. The Local Compliance Officer shall be responsible for monitoring the day-to-day compliance activities engaged in by Metroplex Hospital as they pertain to this CIA including any reporting obligations created under this CIA.

Hospital shall report to the OIG, in writing, any changes in the identity or position description of the Local Compliance Officer, or any actions or changes that would affect the Local Compliance Officer's ability to perform the duties necessary to meet the obligations in this CIA, within 15 days of such a change.

2. *Compliance Committee.* Metroplex Hospital has appointed and will continue to maintain a Compliance Committee as outlined below during the term of this CIA. Compliance Committee shall, at a minimum, include the Local Compliance Officer and any other members of senior management necessary to meet the requirements of this CIA (e.g., senior executives of relevant departments, such as billing, clinical, human resources, audit, and operations). The Local Compliance Officer or the CEO of Metroplex Hospital shall chair the Compliance Committee and the Committee shall support the Local Compliance Officer in fulfilling his/her responsibilities (e.g., shall assist in the analysis of the organization's risk areas and shall oversee monitoring of internal and external audits and investigations).

Hospital shall report to the OIG, in writing, any changes in the composition of the Compliance Committee, or any actions or changes that would affect the Compliance Committee's ability to perform the duties necessary to meet the obligations in this CIA, within 15 days of such a change.

B. Written Standards.

1. *Code of Conduct.* Adventist has established a corporate Code of Conduct that pertains to all its facilities, including Metroplex Hospital. To the extent not already accomplished, the Code of Conduct will be distributed to all Covered Persons within 90 days of the Effective Date of this CIA. Metroplex Hospital considers the promotion of, and adherence to, the Code of Conduct as an element in evaluating the performance of all employees. The Code of Conduct sets forth:

- a. Adventist's commitment to full compliance with all Federal health care program requirements, including its commitment to prepare and submit accurate claims consistent with such requirements;
- b. Adventist's requirement that all of its Covered Persons shall be expected to comply with all Federal health care program requirements and with Metroplex Hospital's own Policies and Procedures as implemented pursuant to section III.B.2 (including the requirements of this CIA);
- c. the requirement that all Covered Persons shall be expected to report to the Local Compliance Officer or other appropriate individual designated by the Local Compliance Officer

suspected violations of any Federal health care program requirements or of Metroplex Hospital's own Policies and Procedures;

- d. the possible consequences to both Metroplex Hospital and Covered Persons of failure to comply with Federal health care program requirements and with Metroplex Hospital's own Policies and Procedures and the failure to report such non-compliance; and
- e. the right of all individuals to use the Disclosure Program described in section III.E, and Adventist's commitment to maintain confidentiality, as appropriate, and non-retaliation with respect to such disclosures.

Within 90 days of the Effective Date of the CIA, to the extent not already accomplished, each Covered Person shall certify, in writing, that he or she has received, read, understood, and will abide by Adventist's Code of Conduct. New Covered Persons shall receive the Code of Conduct and shall complete the required certification within one month after becoming a Covered Person or within 90 days of the Effective Date of the CIA, whichever is later.

Adventist shall periodically review the Code of Conduct to determine if revisions are appropriate and shall make any necessary revisions based on such a review. Any such revised Code of Conduct shall be distributed within 30 days of finalizing such changes. Covered Persons shall certify that they have received, read, understood and will abide by the revised Code of Conduct within 30 days of the distribution of such revisions.

2. *Policies and Procedures.* To the extent not already accomplished, within 90 days of the Effective Date of this CIA, Metroplex Hospital shall implement written Policies and Procedures regarding the operation of its compliance program and its compliance with Federal health care program requirements. At a minimum, the Policies and Procedures shall:

- a. address the subjects relating to the Code of Conduct identified in section III.B.1;

- b. require that all diagnosis codes submitted for claims purposes to any Federal health care program be properly supported by documentation of the diagnosis by the treating physician in the patients medical record; and
- c. require that all inpatient claims with a principal diagnosis of 482.89 or 482.83 (or any successors to these codes) intended for submission to Medicare shall first be subject to pre-billing review to ensure the diagnosis code was properly assigned.

To the extent not already accomplished, within 90 days of the Effective Date of the CIA, the relevant portions of the Policies and Procedures shall be distributed to all individuals whose job functions are related to those Policies and Procedures. Appropriate and knowledgeable staff should be available to explain the Policies and Procedures.

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

C. Training and Education.

1. *General Training.* Within 90 days of the Effective Date of this CIA, to the extent not already accomplished, Hospital shall provide at least one and one half hours of general training to each Covered Person. This training, at a minimum, shall explain Hospital's:

- a. CIA requirements; and
- b. CompassPoint Compliance Program (including the Code of Conduct and the Policies and Procedures as they pertain to general compliance issues).

New Covered Persons shall receive the general training described above within 30 days of becoming a Covered Person or within 90 days after the Effective Date of this CIA, whichever is later. After receiving the initial training described above, each Covered Person shall receive at least one hour of general training annually.

2. *Coding Training.* Within 90 days of the Effective Date of this CIA, to the extent not already accomplished within twelve months prior to the execution of the CIA, each Covered Person who is involved directly or in a supervisory role in the preparation or submission of claims for items or services (including, but not limited to, coding or billing) to any Federal health care program (hereinafter referred to as “Relevant Covered Persons”) shall receive at least four hours of coding training in addition to the general training required above for the first year and annually thereafter. This coding training shall include a discussion of:

- a. the submission of accurate bills for services rendered to Federal health care program beneficiaries;
- b. policies, procedures and other requirements applicable to the documentation of medical records;
- c. the personal obligation of each individual involved in the billing process to ensure that such billings are accurate;
- d. applicable reimbursement statutes, regulations, and program requirements and directives;
- e. the legal sanctions for improper billings; and
- f. examples of proper and improper billing practices.

Persons providing the coding training must be knowledgeable about the subject area.

Relevant Covered Persons shall receive this coding training within 30 days of the beginning of their employment or becoming Relevant Covered Persons or within 90 days of the Effective Date of this CIA, whichever is later. A Metroplex Hospital employee who has completed the coding training shall review a new Relevant Covered Person’s work, to the extent that the work relates to the preparation or submission of claims for reimbursement from any Federal health care program, until such time as the new Relevant Covered Person completes his or her applicable training.

After receiving the initial training described in this section, every Relevant Covered Person shall receive at least three hours of coding training annually.

3. *Certification.* Each individual who is required to attend training shall 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. The Local Compliance Officer (or his or her designee) shall retain the certifications, along with all course materials. These shall be made available to OIG, upon request.

D. Review Procedures.

1. *General Description.*

a. Retention of Independent Review Organization. Within 90 days of the effective date of this CIA, Metroplex Hospital shall retain an entity (or entities), such as an accounting, auditing or consulting firm (hereinafter “Independent Review Organization” or “IRO”), to perform reviews to assist Metroplex Hospital in assessing and evaluating its billing and coding practices and certain compliance obligations pursuant to this CIA and the Settlement Agreement. Each IRO retained by Metroplex Hospital shall have expertise in the billing, coding, reporting and other requirements of the particular section of the health care industry pertaining to this CIA and in the general requirements of the Federal health care program(s) from which Metroplex Hospital seeks reimbursement. Each IRO shall assess, along with Metroplex Hospital, whether it can perform the IRO review 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 Metroplex Hospital’s billing and coding to the Federal health care programs (“Claims Review”) and shall analyze whether Metroplex Hospital sought payment for certain unallowable costs (“Unallowable Cost Review”).

b. Frequency of Claims Review. The Claims Review shall be performed annually and shall cover each of the one-year periods of the CIA beginning with the effective date of this CIA. The IRO(s) shall perform all components of each annual Claims Review except, subject to approval from OIG and subject to the conditions set forth in section III.D.8, after the first annual Claims Review period, Metroplex may elect to conduct an internal billing review for Claims Review periods 2 through 3.

c. Frequency of Unallowable Cost Review. The Unallowable Cost Review shall be performed by the IRO for the first one-year reporting period beginning with the effective date of the CIA.

d. Retention of Records. The IRO and Metroplex Hospital 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 Metroplex Hospital 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 CIA, which is incorporated by reference.

a. Discovery Sample. The IRO shall randomly select and review a sample of 50 Medicare Paid Claims submitted by or on behalf of Metroplex Hospital. The Paid Claims shall be reviewed based on the supporting documentation available at Metroplex Hospital or under Metroplex Hospital'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, Metroplex Hospital should, as appropriate, further analyze any errors identified in the Discovery Sample. Metroplex Hospital 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.D.2.a, 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 at Metroplex Hospital or under Metroplex Hospital'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, Metroplex Hospital 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. The OIG, in its full discretion, may refer the findings of the Full Sample (and any related work papers) received from Metroplex Hospital 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 Metroplex Hospital's Discovery Sample identifies an Error Rate of 5% or greater, Metroplex Hospital's IRO shall also conduct a Systems Review. Specifically, for each claim 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 claim to identify any problems or weaknesses that may have resulted in the identified Overpayments. The IRO shall provide to Metroplex Hospital 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.H.1 of the CIA, Metroplex Hospital 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. Metroplex Hospital agrees to make available to the OIG any and all documentation that reflects the refund of the Overpayment(s) to the payor and the associated documentation.

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. *Unallowable Cost Review.* The IRO shall conduct a review of Metroplex Hospital’s compliance with the unallowable cost provisions of the Settlement Agreement.

a. The IRO shall determine whether Metroplex Hospital has complied with its obligations not to charge to, or otherwise seek payment from, Federal or State payors for unallowable costs (as defined in the Settlement Agreement) and its obligation to identify to applicable Federal or State payors any unallowable costs included in payments previously sought from the United States, or any State Medicaid program. This unallowable cost analysis shall include, but not be limited to, payments sought in any cost reports, cost statements, information reports, or payment requests already submitted by Metroplex Hospital or any of its subsidiaries. To the extent such cost reports, cost statements, information reports or payment requests, even if already settled, have been adjusted to account for the effect of the inclusion of the unallowable costs, the IRO will determine if such adjustments were proper. In making this determination, the IRO may need to review cost reports and/or financial statements from the year in which the Settlement Agreement was executed, as well as from previous years.

5. *Unallowable Cost Review Report.* The IRO shall prepare a report based upon the Unallowable Cost Review performed. The Unallowable Cost Review Report shall include:

a. the IRO’s findings and supporting rationale regarding the Unallowable Costs Review and whether Metroplex Hospital has complied with its obligation not to charge to, or otherwise seek payment from, Federal or State payors for unallowable costs (as defined in the Settlement Agreement) and its obligation to identify to applicable Federal or State payors any unallowable costs included in payments previously sought from such payor.

6. *Validation Review.* In the event the OIG has reason to believe that: (a) Metroplex Hospital’s Claims Review or Unallowable Cost Review fails to conform to the requirements of this CIA; 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 Unallowable Cost Review complied with the requirements of the CIA and/or the

findings or Claims Review results are inaccurate (“Validation Review”). Metroplex Hospital 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 Metroplex Hospital’s final submission (as described in section II) is received by the OIG.

Prior to initiating a Validation Review, the OIG shall notify Metroplex Hospital 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, Metroplex Hospital may request a meeting with the OIG to discuss the results of any Claims Review or Unallowable Cost Review submissions or findings; present any additional or relevant information to clarify the results of the Claims Review or Unallowable Cost Review to correct the inaccuracy of the Claims Review; and/or propose alternatives to the proposed Validation Review. Metroplex Hospital 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 Unallowable Cost Review with Metroplex Hospital 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 Metroplex Hospital a certification or sworn affidavit that it has evaluated its professional independence with regard to the Claims Review or Unallowable Cost Review and that it has concluded that it was, in fact, independent.

8. *Internal Billing Review Option.* Subject to approval from OIG and subject to the conditions set forth below, after the first complete Claims Review period in which the IRO has performed the Claims Review as required in section III.D.2, Metroplex may, at its option, conduct an internal review of its billings to the Federal health care programs for Claims Review periods 2 and 3 in lieu of having the IRO conduct the Claims Review. This internal review shall comply with all of the requirements outlined herein and in section III.D.2 above.

Prior to conducting its internal billing review, Metroplex agrees: i) to develop and adopt a written formal internal audit work plan consistent with the terms of this CIA; ii) to devote sufficient resources and staff to enable it to accomplish an internal billing review based on its internal work plan; and iii) that its internal billing review staff shall at all times include persons qualified and experienced in accepted auditing and control processes, who possess expertise in billing, coding and Medicare program requirements. In addition, Metroplex agrees that its internal billing review staff shall not include persons who were

involved in the submission of bills or claims to the Medicare programs during the period to be audited and shall not include persons who are presently involved in such submissions.

If, in its sole discretion, OIG determines that such internal review satisfactorily establishes the adequacy of Metroplex's billing and compliance practices pursuant to this CIA, the OIG will allow Metroplex to perform an internal review in lieu of the IRO conducting the Claims review for the year following the receipt of a satisfactory Claims Review report from the IRO. Consistent with the requirements of section III.D.2, the internal billing review shall include a Claims Review and the required respective reports of Metroplex's findings.

In the event Metroplex is unable to satisfactorily implement an audit work plan, devote sufficient resources and appropriate qualified staff, or conduct a satisfactory internal review, Metroplex agrees, at OIG's discretion, to engage the IRO to complete all remaining Claims Review requirements under this CIA. To the extent that OIG permits Metroplex to perform internal billing reviews, Metroplex shall submit all the information required in section III.D.2 as well as the results of the IRO's verification. If Metroplex decides not to exercise its internal review option, the requirements of the IRO Claims Review shall remain in effect for the term of the CIA.

E. Disclosure Program.

Adventist has established and will continue a Disclosure Program for all its facilities including Metroplex Hospital. This program included measures such as a toll-free compliance "hotline" (known as "GuideLine") to enable individuals to disclose, to the Local Compliance Officer or some other person who is not in the disclosing individual's chain of command, any identified issues or questions associated with Metroplex Hospital's policies, practices, or procedures with respect to a Federal health care program, believed by the individual to be a potential violation of criminal, civil, or administrative law. Adventist shall continue to publicize the existence of its Disclosure Program including GuideLine.

The Disclosure Program shall continue to emphasize a non-retribution, non-retaliation policy, and shall include a reporting mechanism for anonymous communications for which appropriate confidentiality will be maintained. Upon receipt of a disclosure, the Local Compliance Officer (or designee) shall gather all relevant information from the disclosing individual. The Local Compliance Officer (or designee) shall make a preliminary, good faith inquiry into the allegations set forth in every disclosure to ensure that he or she has obtained all of the information necessary to determine whether a further review should be conducted. For any disclosure that is sufficiently specific so that it reasonably: (1) permits

a determination of the appropriateness of the alleged improper practice; and (2) provides an opportunity for taking corrective action, Metroplex Hospital shall conduct an internal review of the allegations set forth in such a disclosure and ensure that proper follow-up is conducted.

The Local Compliance Officer (or designee) shall maintain a disclosure log, which shall include a record and summary of each disclosure received (whether anonymous or not), the status of the respective internal reviews, and any corrective action taken in response to the internal reviews. The disclosure log shall be available to OIG, upon request.

F. Ineligible Persons.

1. Definition. For purposes of this CIA, an “Ineligible Person” shall be any individual or entity who: (a) is currently excluded, debarred or otherwise ineligible to participate in the Federal health care programs or in Federal procurement or non-procurement programs; or (b) 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 or otherwise declared ineligible.

2. Screening Requirements. Metroplex Hospital shall continue its policy of not hiring or engaging as contractors or granting staff privileges to any Ineligible Person. To prevent hiring or contracting with any Ineligible Person, Metroplex Hospital shall screen all prospective employees and prospective contractors prior to engaging their services and screen physicians prior to granting staff privileges by: (a) requiring applicants to disclose whether they are Ineligible Persons; and (b) appropriately querying the General Services Administration’s List of Parties Excluded from Federal Programs (available through the Internet at <http://epls.arnet.gov>) and the HHS/OIG List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (available through the Internet at <http://www.hhs.gov/oig>) (these lists will hereinafter be referred to as the “Exclusion Lists”). Nothing in this section affects the responsibility of (or liability for) Metroplex Hospital to refrain from billing Federal health care programs for services of the Ineligible Person.

3. Review and Removal Requirement. Within 90 days of the Effective Date of this CIA, Metroplex Hospital shall review its list of current employees, contractors, and physicians with staff privileges against the Exclusion Lists. Thereafter, Metroplex Hospital shall review its list of current employees, contractors, and physicians with staff privileges against the Exclusion Lists annually. In addition, Metroplex Hospital shall require employees and contractors to disclose immediately any debarment, exclusion, or other event that makes the employee an Ineligible Person.

If Metroplex Hospital has actual notice that an employee, contractor, or physician with staff privileges has become an Ineligible Person, Metroplex Hospital shall remove such person from responsibility for, or involvement with, Metroplex Hospital's business operations related to the Federal health care programs and shall remove such person from any 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 at least until such time as the person is reinstated into participation in the Federal health care programs.

4. Pending Charges and Proposed Exclusions. If Metroplex Hospital has actual notice that an employee or contractor is charged with a criminal offense related to any Federal health care program, or is proposed for exclusion during his or her employment or contract term, Metroplex Hospital shall take all appropriate actions to ensure that the responsibilities of that employee or contractor have not and shall not adversely affect the quality of care rendered to any beneficiary, patient or resident, or the accuracy of any claims submitted to any Federal health care program

Within 30 days of discovery, Adventist or Metroplex Hospital shall notify OIG, in writing, of any ongoing investigation or legal proceeding conducted or brought by a governmental entity or its agents involving an allegation that Metroplex Hospital 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. Adventist or Metroplex Hospital 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.

H. Reporting.

1. Overpayments

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

b. Reporting of Overpayments. If, at any time, Metroplex Hospital identifies or learns of any overpayments, it 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, Adventist or Metroplex Hospital 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, Metroplex Hospital 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 CIA

in accordance with such policies and procedures.

2. Material Deficiencies.

a. Definition of Material Deficiency. For purposes of this CIA, 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 Metroplex Hospital determines through any means that there is a Material Deficiency, Metroplex Hospital 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.H.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 description of Metroplex Hospital's actions taken to correct the Material Deficiency; and

- (iv) any further steps Metroplex Hospital plans to take to address the Material Deficiency and prevent it from recurring.

IV. NEW BUSINESS UNITS OR LOCATIONS

In the event that, after the Effective Date of this CIA, Metroplex Hospital changes locations or sells, closes, purchases or establishes new business units related to the furnishing of items or services that may be reimbursed by Federal health care programs, Metroplex Hospital 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 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 CIA (e.g., completing certifications and undergoing training).

V. **IMPLEMENTATION AND ANNUAL REPORTS**

A. **Implementation Report.** Within 120 days after the Effective Date of this CIA, Metroplex Hospital shall submit a written report to OIG summarizing the status of its implementation of the requirements of this CIA. This Implementation Report shall include:

1. the name, address, phone number, and position description of the Local Compliance Officer required by section III.A, and a summary of other non-compliance job responsibilities of the Local Compliance Officer;
2. the names and positions of the members of the Compliance Committee required by section III A.
4. a summary of all compliance-related Policies and Procedures required by section III.B.2 and a summary of all other Policies and Procedures required by section III.B.2;
5. a description of all training materials used for the training required by section III.C, including a description of the targeted audiences, length of sessions, which sessions were mandatory and for whom, percentage of attendance, and a schedule of when the training sessions were held;
6. a certification by the Local Compliance Officer that:
 - a. the Policies and Procedures required by section III.B have been developed, are being implemented, and have been distributed to all appropriate Covered Persons;
 - b. all Covered Persons have completed the Code of Conduct certification required by section III.B.1; and
 - c. all Covered Persons have completed the applicable training and executed the certification(s) required by section III.C.;

The documentation supporting this certification shall be available to OIG, upon request.

7. a description of the Disclosure Program required by section III.E;
8. the identity of the IRO(s) and the proposed start and completion dates of the first annual review;
9. a certification from the IRO regarding its professional independence from Metroplex Hospital;
10. a summary of personnel actions (other than hiring) taken pursuant to section III.F.;
11. a list of all of Metroplex Hospital's locations (including locations and mailing addresses), the corresponding name under which each location currently submits claims;
12. as it relates to Metroplex Hospital, and to the extent not already furnished to OIG, or if modified, a description of Adventist's corporate structure, including identification of any parent and sister companies, subsidiaries and their respective lines of business; and
13. the certification required by section V.C.

B. Annual Reports. Metroplex Hospital shall submit to OIG Annual Reports with respect to the status of, and findings regarding, its compliance activities for each of the three one-year periods beginning on the Effective Date of the CIA. (The one-year period covered by each Annual Report shall be referred to as "the Reporting Period").

Each Annual Report shall include:

1. any change in the identity, position description, or other non-compliance job responsibilities of the Local Compliance Officer and any change in the membership of the Compliance Committee described

in section III.A;

2. a certification by the Local Compliance Officer that:
 - a. except as otherwise noted, all Covered Persons have completed the annual Code of Conduct certification required by section III.B.1;
 - b. except as otherwise noted, all Covered Persons have completed the applicable training and executed the certification(s) required by section III.C;
 - c. Adventist and Metroplex Hospital has complied with its obligations under the Settlement Agreement: (i) not to resubmit to any Federal health care program payors any previously denied claims related to the Covered Conduct addressed in the

Settlement Agreement); and (iii) to identify and adjust any past charges or claims for unallowable costs;

The documentation supporting this certification shall be available to OIG, upon request.

3. a summary of any significant changes or amendments to the Policies and Procedures required by section III.B and the reasons for such changes (e.g., change in contractor policy) and copies of any compliance-related Policies and Procedures;
4. a description of all training required by section III.C conducted during the Reporting Period, including a description of the targeted audiences, length of sessions, which sessions were mandatory and for whom, percentage of attendance, and a schedule of when the training sessions were held;
5. a complete copy of all reports prepared pursuant to the IRO's billing and compliance engagements, including a copy of the methodology used, along with a copy of the IRO's engagement letter;

6. Metroplex Hospital's response and corrective action plan(s) related to any issues raised by the IRO(s);
7. a revised summary/description of all engagements between Metroplex Hospital 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 Metroplex Hospital;
9. a summary of Material Deficiencies (as defined in III.H) identified during the Reporting Period and the status of any corrective and preventative action relating to all such Material Deficiencies;

Medicare, Medicaid (report each applicable state separately) and other Federal health care programs. Overpayments that are routinely reconciled or adjusted pursuant to policies and procedures established by the payor do not need to be included in this aggregate overpayment report;

11. a summary of the disclosures in the disclosure log required by section III.E that: (a) relate to Federal health care programs; or (b) allege abuse or neglect of patients;
12. a description of any personnel actions (other than hiring) taken by Metroplex Hospital as a result of the obligations in section III.F, and the name, title, and responsibilities of any person that falls within the ambit of section III.F.4, and the actions taken in response to the obligations set forth in that section;
13. 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;

14. a description of all changes to the most recently provided list (as updated) of Metroplex Hospital's locations (including locations and mailing addresses) as required by section V.A.11, the corresponding name under which each location is doing business, the corresponding phone numbers and fax numbers, each location's Federal health care program provider identification number(s), and the contractor name and address that issued each provider identification number; and
15. the certification required by section V.C.

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.

otherwise described in the applicable report, Adventist and Metroplex Hospital are in compliance with all of the requirements of this CIA, to the best of his or her knowledge; and (2) the Local Compliance Officer has reviewed the Report and has made reasonable inquiry regarding its content and believes that the information is accurate and truthful.

D. Designation of Information: Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital shall clearly identify any portions of its submissions that it believes are trade secrets, or information that is commercial or financial and privileged or confidential, and therefore potentially exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552. Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital shall refrain from identifying any information as exempt from disclosure if that information does not meet the criteria for exemption from disclosure under FOIA.

VI. NOTIFICATIONS AND SUBMISSION OF REPORTS

Unless otherwise stated in writing after the Effective Date of this CIA, all notifications and reports required under this CIA shall be submitted to the following entities:

If to OIG:

Civil Recoveries Branch - Compliance Unit
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
Telephone: (202) 619-2078
Facsimile: (202) 205-0604

If to Adventist/Metroplex Hospital:

Sandra K. Johnson
Chief Compliance Officer
Adventist Health System

Fax: (407) 975-1414

and to:

Local Compliance Officer
Metroplex Hospital
2201 South Clear Creek Road
Killeen, TX 76542
Phone: (254) 526-7523

Unless otherwise specified, all notifications and reports required by this CIA 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 Adventist or Metroplex Hospital's books, records, and other documents and supporting materials and/or conduct on-site reviews of any of Metroplex Hospital's locations for the purpose of verifying and evaluating: (a) Adventist and Metroplex Hospital's compliance with the terms of this CIA; and (b) Adventist and Metroplex Hospital's compliance with the requirements of the Federal health care programs in which it participates. The documentation described above shall be made available by Adventist or Metroplex Hospital 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 Covered Persons 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. Adventist and Metroplex Hospital agree to assist OIG or its duly authorized representative(s) in contacting and arranging interviews with such individuals upon OIG's request. Covered Persons may elect to be interviewed

Adventist and Metroplex Hospital shall maintain for inspection all documents and records relating to reimbursement from the Federal health care programs, or to compliance with this CIA, for four 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 Adventist or Metroplex Hospital prior to any release by OIG of information submitted by Adventist or Metroplex Hospital pursuant to its obligations under this CIA and identified upon submission by Adventist or Metroplex Hospital as trade secrets, or information that is commercial or financial and privileged or confidential, under the FOIA rules. With respect to such releases, Adventist and Metroplex Hospital shall have the rights set forth at 45 C.F.R. § 5.65(d). Adventist and Metroplex Hospital 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

Adventist and Metroplex Hospital are expected to fully and timely comply with all of its CIA obligations.

A. Stipulated Penalties for Failure to Comply with Certain Obligations. As a contractual remedy, Adventist and OIG hereby agree that failure to comply with certain obligations set forth in this CIA 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 \$2,500 (which shall begin to accrue on the day after the date the obligation became due) for each day Metroplex Hospital fails to have in place any of the obligations described in section III:

- a. a Compliance Officer;
- b. a written Code of Ethics;
- c. a written Code of Conduct;
- d. written Policies and Procedures;
- e. a requirement that Covered Persons be trained; and
- f. a Disclosure Program.

2. A Stipulated Penalty of \$2,500 (which shall begin to accrue on the day after the date the obligation became due) for each day Metroplex Hospital fails to retain an IRO, as required in section III.D.

3. A Stipulated Penalty of \$2,500 (which shall begin to accrue on the day after the date the obligation became due) for each day Metroplex Hospital fails to meet any of the deadlines for the submission of the Implementation Report or the Annual Reports to OIG.

4. A Stipulated Penalty of \$2,000 (which shall begin to accrue on the date the failure to comply began) for each day Metroplex Hospital employs, contracts with, or grants staff privileges to an Ineligible Person and that person: (i) has responsibility for, or involvement with, Metroplex Hospital’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 Metroplex Hospital can demonstrate that it did not discover the person's exclusion or other ineligibility after making a reasonable inquiry (as described in section III.F) as to the status of the person).

5. A Stipulated Penalty of \$1,500 for each day Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital fails to grant access to the information or documentation as required in section VII of this CIA. (This Stipulated Penalty shall begin to accrue on the date Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital fails to grant access.)

6. A Stipulated Penalty of \$1,000 for each day Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital fails to comply fully and adequately with any obligation of this CIA. In its notice to Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital, OIG shall state the specific grounds for its

10 days after the date that Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital 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 1-5 of this section.

B. Timely Written Requests for Extensions. Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital 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 CIA. 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 Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital 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 Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital 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.

C. Payment of Stipulated Penalties.

1. Demand Letter. Upon a finding that Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital 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 Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital of: (a) its failure to comply; and (b) the 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, Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital shall either: (a) cure the breach to OIG's satisfaction and pay the applicable Stipulated Penalties; or (b) request 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

of these two manners within the allowed time period shall be considered a material breach of this CIA 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 Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital has materially breached this CIA, which decision shall be made at OIG's discretion and shall be governed by the provisions in section X.D, below.

D. Exclusion for Material Breach of this CIA

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

- a. a failure by Metroplex Hospital to report a Material Deficiency, take corrective action and make the appropriate refunds, as required in section III.H;

- b. a repeated or flagrant violation of the obligations under this CIA, 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.D.

2. Notice of Material Breach and Intent to Exclude. The parties agree that a material breach of this CIA by Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital constitutes an independent basis for Hospital's exclusion from participation in the Federal health care programs. Upon a determination by OIG that Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital has materially breached this CIA and that exclusion should be imposed, OIG shall notify Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital of: (a) Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital's material

3. Opportunity to Cure. Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital 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. Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital is in compliance with the obligations of the CIA 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) Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital has begun to take action to cure the material breach; (ii) Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital is pursuing such action with due diligence; and (iii) Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital has provided to OIG a reasonable timetable for curing the material breach.

4. Exclusion Letter. If at the conclusion of the 30-day period, Adventist

and/or Metroplex Hospital fails to satisfy the requirements of section X.D.3, OIG may exclude Metroplex Hospital from participation in the Federal health care programs. OIG will notify Metroplex Hospital in writing of its determination to exclude Hospital (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, Metroplex Hospital wishes to apply for reinstatement, Metroplex Hospital must submit a written request for reinstatement in accordance with the provisions at 42 C.F.R. §§ 1001.3001-.3004.

E. Dispute Resolution

1. Review Rights. Upon OIG's delivery to Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital of its Demand Letter or of its Exclusion Letter, and as an agreed-upon contractual remedy for the resolution of disputes arising under this CIA. Adventist and/or Metroplex

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 CIA shall be: (a) whether Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital was in full and timely compliance with the obligations of this CIA for which the OIG demands payment; and (b) the period of noncompliance. Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital 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 CIA and orders Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital to pay Stipulated Penalties, such Stipulated Penalties shall become due and payable 20 days after the ALJ issues such a decision unless Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital 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 CIA shall be:

- a. whether Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital was in material breach of this CIA;
- 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:
 - (ii) Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital has pursued and is pursuing such action with due diligence; and
 - (iii) Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital provided to OIG within that period a reasonable timetable for curing the material breach and Hospital 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 the Metroplex Hospital, only after a DAB decision in favor of OIG. Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital's election of its contractual right to appeal to the DAB shall not abrogate the OIG's authority to exclude Metroplex Hospital upon the issuance of an ALJ's decision in favor of the OIG. If the ALJ sustains the determination of the OIG and determines that exclusion is authorized, such exclusion shall take effect 20 days after the ALJ issues such a decision, notwithstanding that Metroplex Hospital 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. Metroplex Hospital agrees to waive its 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 Metroplex Hospital, Metroplex Hospital 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 CIA agree that the DAB's decision (or the ALJ's decision if not appealed) shall be considered final for all purposes under this CIA.

XI. EFFECTIVE AND BINDING AGREEMENT

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

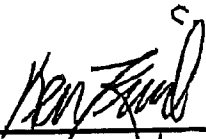
- A. This CIA shall be binding on the successors, assigns, and transferees of Adventist and/or Metroplex Hospital:

- C. Any modifications to this CIA shall be made with the prior written consent of the parties to this CIA;

- D. OIG may agree to a suspension of Metroplex Hospital's obligations under the CIA in the event of Metroplex Hospital's cessation of participation in Federal health care programs. If Metroplex Hospital withdraws from participation in Federal health care programs and is relieved from its CIA obligations by the OIG, Metroplex Hospital agrees to notify OIG 30 days in advance of Hospital'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 CIA should be reactivated or modified.

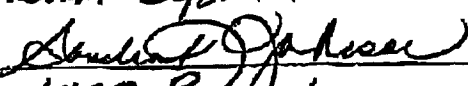
- E. The undersigned Adventist and Metroplex Hospital signatories represent and warrant that they are authorized to execute this CIA. The undersigned OIG signatory represents that he is signing this CIA in his official capacity and that he is authorized to execute this CIA.

ON BEHALF OF HOSPITAL




KEN FINCH, CEO Metroplex

1-24-02
DATE

ON BEHALF OF Adventist
Health System


VICE President
(SANDRA K. JOHNSON)

1/24/02
DATE

DATE 

[Please identify all signatories]

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



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

1/23/02
DATE

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 Metroplex Hospital 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 Metroplex Hospital and for which Metroplex Hospital has received reimbursement from the

code or line item and for which Metroplex Hospital 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.

e. Error Rate: The Error Rate shall be the percentage of net overpayments identified in the sample. 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 Metroplex Hospital cannot produce documentation sufficient to support the Paid Claim shall be considered an error and the total reimbursement received by Metroplex Hospital 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. For purposes of this Claims Review, 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 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. Claims Review Findings.

- a. a description of Metroplex Hospital's billing and coding system(s), including the identification, by position description, of the personnel involved in coding and billing;
- b. the IRO's findings, supporting rationale, and a summary of such findings and rationale 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. Note: for the purpose of this reporting, 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; and
- c. the IRO's findings and recommendations concerning the Systems

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

4. Claims Review Results.

- a. Total number and percentage of instances in which the IRO determined that the Paid Claims submitted by Metroplex Hospital ("Claims 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 Metroplex Hospital.

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

d. Error Rate in the sample.

e. 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 amount allowed

improvements to the system(s) and process(es) that generated the Overpayment(s) in the sample Population.

6. **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.

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Attachment 1

Claim Review Report

Federal Health Care Program Billed	Bene HIC #	Date of Service	Procedure Code Submitted	Procedure Code Reimbursed	Allowed Amount Reimbursed	Current Allowed Amt (IRO determined)	Correct Allowed Amt (IRO determined)	Dollar Difference between Amt Reimbursed and Correct Allowed Amt

OVERPAYMENT REFUND

TO BE COMPLETED BY MEDICARE CONTRACTOR

Date: _____
 Contractor Deposit Control # _____ Date of Deposit: _____
 Contractor Contact Name: _____ Phone # _____
 Contractor Address: _____
 Contractor Fax: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PROVIDER/PHYSICIAN/SUPPLIER

Please complete and forward to Medicare Contractor. This form, or a similar document containing the following information, should accompany every voluntary refund so that receipt of check is properly recorded and applied.

PROVIDER/PHYSICIAN/SUPPLIER NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____

REFUND INFORMATION

For each Claim, provide the following:

Patient Name _____ HIC # _____
 Medicare Claim Number _____ Claim Amount Refunded \$ _____
 Reason Code for Claim Adjustment: _____ (Select reason code from list below. Use one reason per claim)

(Please list all claim numbers involved. Attach separate sheet, if necessary)

Note: If Specific Patient/HIC/Claim #/Claim Amount data not available for all claims due to Statistical Sampling, please indicate methodology and formula used to determine amount and reason for overpayment: _____

For Institutional Facilities Only:

Cost Report Year(s) _____
 (If multiple cost report years are involved, provide a breakdown by amount and corresponding cost report year.)

For OIG Reporting Requirements:

Do you have a Corporate Integrity Agreement with OIG? Yes No

Reason Codes:

<u>Billing/Clerical Error</u>	<u>MSP/Other Payer Involvement</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
01 - Corrected Date of Service	08 - MSP Group Health Plan Insurance	13 - Insufficient Documentation
02 - Duplicate	09 - MSP No Fault Insurance	14 - Patient Enrolled in an HMO
03 - Corrected CPT Code	10 - MSP Liability Insurance	15 - Services Not Rendered
04 - Not Our Patient(s)	11 - MSP, Workers Comp.(Including Black Lung	16 - Medical Necessity
05 - Modifier Added/Removed	12 - Veterans Administration	17 - Other (Please Specify)
06 - Billed in Error		
07 - Corrected CPT Code		