



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

WASHINGTON, DC 20201



April 4, 2024

Cory Lee Pickens, M.D.
2012 Swanson Lane
Billings, MT 59102-7549

Dear Cory Lee Pickens:

RE: OIG File Numbers H-11-40487-9 and 7-14-40101-9

By letter dated August 31, 2011, you were notified by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) that you were being excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal health care programs for the statutory minimum period of 5 years under section 1128(a)(4) of the Social Security Act (Act). That exclusion became effective September 20, 2011.

By letter dated November 15, 2011, you were notified that the OIG had approved the request of Mary E. Dalton, Medicaid Director, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, for a waiver of your OIG exclusion with respect to neuroanesthesiology items or services you furnished, ordered, or prescribed at Benefis Hospital, Great Falls, Montana.

Effective September 5, 2017, you agreed to be excluded from participation in the Federal health care programs under section 1128(b)(7) for a period of 10 years.

The OIG has consulted with Michael Randol, Medicaid Director, Montana Department of Public Health and Human Services, and with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and determined that the basis for the waiver no longer exists. As a result, the waiver previously granted to you by the OIG on November 15, 2011, is rescinded effective 10 days from the date of this letter.

Your exclusion under sections 1128(a)(4) and 1128(b)(7) of the Act remain in effect until you have applied for and been granted reinstatement by the OIG. You must meet the conditions for reinstatement for all exclusion authorities before you can apply to the OIG for reinstatement. A request for reinstatement may be made to the OIG no earlier than 90 days prior to the expiration of the 10-year period of your exclusion under section 1128(b)(7). The request must be made in writing and should be submitted by email to exclusions@oig.hhs.gov or by fax to (202) 691-2298.

Sincerely,

Joann M. Digitally signed
by Joann M.
Francis Francis

Joann M. Francis
Reviewing Official
Exclusions Branch