

If an investigation of an alleged violation is undertaken and the compliance officer believes the integrity of the investigation may be at stake because of the presence of employees under investigation, those subjects should be removed from their current work activity until the investigation is completed (unless an internal or Government-led undercover operation is in effect). In addition, the compliance officer should take appropriate steps to secure or prevent the destruction of documents or other evidence relevant to the investigation. If the hospital determines that disciplinary action is warranted, it should be prompt and imposed in accordance with the hospital's written standards of disciplinary action.

2. **Reporting.** If the compliance officer, compliance committee or management official discovers credible evidence of misconduct from any source and, after a reasonable inquiry, has reason to believe that the misconduct may violate criminal, civil or administrative law, then the hospital promptly should report the existence of misconduct to the appropriate governmental authority<sup>56</sup> within a reasonable period, but not more than sixty (60) days<sup>57</sup> after determining that there is credible evidence of a violation.<sup>58</sup> Prompt reporting will demonstrate the hospital's good faith and willingness to work with governmental authorities to correct and remedy the problem. In addition, reporting such conduct will be considered a mitigating factor by the OIG in determining administrative sanctions (e.g., penalties, assessments, and exclusion), if the reporting provider becomes the target of an OIG investigation.<sup>59</sup>

<sup>56</sup> I.e., Federal and/or State law enforcement having jurisdiction over such matter. Such governmental authority would include DOJ and OIG with respect to Medicare and Medicaid violations giving rise to causes of actions under various criminal, civil and administrative false claims statutes.

<sup>57</sup> To qualify for the "not less than double damages" provision of the False Claims Act, the report must be provided to the Government within thirty (30) days after the date when the hospital first obtained the information. 31 U.S.C. 3729(a).

<sup>58</sup> The OIG believes that some violations may be so serious that they warrant immediate notification to governmental authorities, prior to, or simultaneous with, commencing an internal investigation, e.g., if the conduct: (1) is a clear violation of criminal law; (2) has a significant adverse effect on the quality of care provided to program beneficiaries (in addition to any other legal obligations regarding quality of care); or (3) indicates evidence of a systemic failure to comply with applicable laws, an existing corporate integrity agreement, or other standards of conduct, regardless of the financial impact on Federal health care programs.

<sup>59</sup> The OIG has published criteria setting forth those factors that the OIG takes into consideration

When reporting misconduct to the Government, a hospital should provide all evidence relevant to the alleged violation of applicable Federal or State law(s) and potential cost impact. The compliance officer, under advice of counsel, and with guidance from the governmental authorities, could be requested to continue to investigate the reported violation. Once the investigation is completed, the compliance officer should be required to notify the appropriate governmental authority of the outcome of the investigation, including a description of the impact of the alleged violation on the operation of the applicable health care programs or their beneficiaries. If the investigation ultimately reveals that criminal or civil violations have occurred, the appropriate Federal and State officials<sup>60</sup> should be notified immediately.

As previously stated, the hospital should take appropriate corrective action, including prompt identification and restitution of any overpayment to the affected payor and the imposition of proper disciplinary action. Failure to repay overpayments within a reasonable period of time could be interpreted as an intentional attempt to conceal the overpayment from the Government, thereby establishing an independent basis for a criminal violation with respect to the hospital, as well as any individuals who may have been involved.<sup>61</sup> For this reason, hospital compliance programs should emphasize that overpayment obtained from Medicare or other Federal health care programs should be promptly returned to the payor that made the erroneous payment.<sup>62</sup>

in determining whether it is appropriate to exclude a health care provider from program participation pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1320a-7(b)(7) for violations of various fraud and abuse laws. See 62 FR 67392, December 24, 1997.

<sup>60</sup> Appropriate Federal and State authorities include the Criminal and Civil Divisions of the Department of Justice, the U.S. Attorney in the hospital's district, and the investigative arms for the agencies administering the affected Federal or State health care programs, such as the State Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, and the Offices of Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Office of Personnel Management (which administers the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program).

<sup>61</sup> See 42 U.S.C. 1320a-7b(a)(3).

<sup>62</sup> Normal repayment channels as described in HCFA's manuals and guidances are the appropriate vehicle for repaying identified overpayments. Hospitals should consult with its fiscal intermediary or HCFA for any further guidance regarding these repayment channels. Interest will be assessed, when appropriate. See 42 CFR 405.376.

### III. Conclusion

Through this document, the OIG has attempted to provide a foundation to the process necessary to develop an effective and cost-efficient hospital compliance program. As previously stated, however, each program must be tailored to fit the needs and resources of an individual hospital, depending upon its particular corporate structure, mission, and employee composition. The statutes, regulations and guidelines of the Federal and State health insurance programs, as well as the policies and procedures of the private health plans, should be integrated into every hospital's compliance program.

The OIG recognizes that the health care industry in this country, which reaches millions of beneficiaries and expends about a trillion dollars, is constantly evolving. However, the time is right for hospitals to implement a strong voluntary compliance program concept in health care. As stated throughout this guidance, compliance is a dynamic process that helps to ensure that hospitals and other health care providers are better able to fulfill their commitment to ethical behavior, as well as meet the changes and challenges being imposed upon them by Congress and private insurers. Ultimately, it is the OIG's hope that a voluntarily created compliance program will enable hospitals to meet their goals, improve the quality of patient care, and substantially reduce fraud, waste and abuse, as well as the cost of health care to Federal, State and private health insurers.

Dated: February 11, 1998.

**June Gibbs Brown,**  
Inspector General.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Office of Inspector General

#### Program Exclusions: January 1998

**AGENCY:** Office of Inspector General, HHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of program exclusions.

During the month of January 1998, the HHS Office of Inspector General imposed exclusions in the cases set forth below. When an exclusion is imposed, no program payment is made to anyone for any items or services (other than an emergency item or service not provided in a hospital emergency room) furnished, ordered or prescribed by an excluded party under

the Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal Health Care programs. In addition, no program payment is made to any business or facility, e.g., a hospital, that submits bills for payment for items or services provided by an excluded party. Program beneficiaries remain free to decide for themselves whether they will continue to use the services of an excluded party even though no program payments will be made for items and services provided by that excluded party. The exclusions have national effect and also apply to all Executive Branch procurement and non-procurement programs and activities.

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<b>PROGRAM-RELATED CONVICTIONS</b>	
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ANDERSON, BERN .....	02/19/1998
WHITE DEER, PA	
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COMMODORE, PATRICIA	
WASHINGTON .....	02/19/1998
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COOPER, WANDA .....	02/19/1998
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THEW .....	02/19/1998
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GONZALEZ, BARBARA ANN ..	02/19/1998
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GRACE, KATHY ELAINE .....	02/19/1998
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HARTLEY, CHERRI MONIC ....	02/19/1998
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HERB, GREGORY WAYNE ....	02/19/1998
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LOWRANCE, VICKY J .....	02/19/1998
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LUKESH, RICHARD J .....	02/19/1998
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MASON, DEBORAH MARIAH ..	02/19/1998
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PC .....	02/19/1998
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PAULER, JOSEPH .....	02/19/1998

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RATLIFF, LESLIE LEE .....	02/19/1998
NORA, VA	
RAY, CAROL .....	08/04/1997
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RIVERO, SOLEDAD M .....	02/19/1998
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ROBBINS, JEFFREY .....	02/19/1998
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ROBINSON, RALLAND V .....	02/19/1998
POWHATAN, VA	
ROSENZWEIG, ALLAN LAW-	
RENCE .....	02/19/1998
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SIDDIQUI, SHAKIR .....	02/19/1998
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SLOAN, MELANIE .....	02/19/1998
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SWERDLIK, RICHARD .....	02/19/1998
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TERRANA, CHARLES .....	02/19/1998
ELMA, NY	
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WILKINS, DOROTHY	
RAWSHAWN .....	02/19/1998
SACRAMENTO, CA	
YI, FELIPE .....	02/19/1998
MIAMI, FL	

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GIBSON, ROXANNE .....	02/19/1998
HARKER HGTS, TX	
GOMEZ, ANA MARIE .....	02/19/1998
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GORDON, TYLICIA C .....	02/19/1998
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GREEN, PATRICIA .....	02/19/1998
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REDELL, ALICE LYNN .....	02/19/1998
MINERAL WELLS, TX	
RUTKOWSKI, JOSEPH .....	02/19/1998
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SMITH, DALE A .....	02/19/1998
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STONE, ROBERTA .....	02/19/1998
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VELURI, RAVI K .....	02/19/1998
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BARBARO, ANDREA .....	02/19/1998
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BAYLESS, JAMES M .....	02/19/1998
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WEIER .....	02/19/1998
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BRAND, ROBERT L .....	02/19/1998
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BRAVERMAN, RONALD A .....	02/19/1998
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BROOKS, DAVID .....	02/19/1998
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BROWN, KEVIN P .....	02/19/1998
LYNDEN, WA	
BROWN, SANDORS .....	02/19/1998
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CARMON, KIM ALLEN .....	02/19/1998
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CARTER, CAROL HOVER .....	02/19/1998
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CURRY, CURTIS .....	02/19/1998
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DARRIN, THOMAS B .....	02/19/1998
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DAVIS, REED C .....	02/19/1998
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DAY, THERESA A .....	02/19/1998
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DEJULIA, WAYNE C .....	02/19/1998
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FINN, MARY C .....	02/19/1998
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FOX, COLLEEN .....	02/19/1998
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FRANKS, DENIS .....	02/19/1998
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FREDERICK, HAROLD T .....	02/19/1998
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GADHOK, RAJINDER S .....	02/19/1998
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GIBSON, JANET M .....	02/19/1998
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GILL, JANE .....	02/19/1998
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GOLDEN, BRUCE M .....	02/19/1998
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GRINSTEAD, SHELLIA M .....	02/19/1998
WAKEFIELD, VA	
GROSS, MARIE .....	02/19/1998
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HAYDEN, GINA M .....	02/19/1998
WESTPORT, CT	
HENDERSON, MARILYN MER-	
CHANT .....	02/19/1998
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HICKS, DEANNA M .....	02/19/1998
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ILIFF, KATHLEEN HATFIELD ..	02/19/1998

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NORCO, CA		CHICAGO RIDGE, IL		HONOLULU, HI	
KASIEWSKI, REGINA		WAINIO, MAUREEN E .....	02/19/1998	DEVANEY, JOHN F .....	02/19/1998
GAFFNEY .....	02/19/1998	NEW BEDFORD, MA		SEABROOK, NH	
BENSALEM, PA		WALKER, JERONE S .....	02/19/1998	ECHOLS, HARVEY L .....	02/19/1998
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RABOW, PETER J .....	02/19/1998			MASON (DOWNING), MAR-	
SPRINGFIELD, VT				LENE K .....	02/19/1998
RAINEY, DIANA .....	02/19/1998			GLENDALE, AZ	
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MCKEESPORT, PA				MITCHELL, ROBERT S .....	02/19/1998
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RUCKHABER, JERRY WAYNE	02/19/1998			JR .....	02/19/1998
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SALDANHA, JOSEPH P .....	02/19/1998			MUNSON, KEVIN D .....	12/22/1997
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SHOHAYEB, AHMED ABDUL				PACEY, DAVID A .....	02/19/1998
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DIXON, IL				POLLOCK, THOMAS G .....	02/19/1998
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DILONE .....	02/19/1998			RABIN, SANDER M .....	02/19/1998
CAGUAS, PR				POUGHKEEPSIE, NY	
STEPHEN, CAROL ANN .....	02/19/1998			RAMOS, CARLOS A .....	02/19/1998
NORFOLK, VA				SAN DIEGO, CA	
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CRANFORD, NJ				LOUISVILLE, KY	
TAYLOR, JAMES ALAN .....	02/19/1998			RICHARDSON, GREGORY B ..	02/19/1998
E STROUDSBURG, PA				MERIDIAN, ID	
TOBIN, DAVID .....	02/19/1998			RIVERO, EDUARDO C .....	02/19/1998

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ROGNEY, ROSS K .....	02/19/1998	IGLESIAS, YAMIRAH ISABEL	02/19/1998
EXCELSIOR, MN		TAMPA, FL	
SMITH, ART G .....	02/19/1998	MENDEZ, FAUSTUS .....	11/04/1997
KERRVILLE, TX		HIALEAH, FL	
SMITH, ROBERT E .....	02/19/1998	PENINSULA BRACE & LIMB,	
COSTA MESA, CA		INC .....	08/11/1997
SOLUM, JIM D .....	02/19/1998	TAMPA, FL	
LOS ANGELES, CA			
SUTHERLAND, SCOTT			
TRACY .....	02/19/1998	<b>PEER REVIEW ORGANIZATION CASES</b>	
HONOLULU, HI		BROOKS, JESSE M .....	12/10/1997
SWETT, ROBERT A .....	02/19/1998	ATLANTA, TX	
BELCHERTOWN, MA			
VANRENSSELAER, JEFFREY			
ALAN .....	02/19/1998		
LAKE FOREST, CA			
VOLPATO, RONALD N .....	02/19/1998		
CHICO, CA			
WADE, ERIC V .....	12/22/1997		
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WALKER, JOSEPH C .....	12/22/1997		
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COLLINS, RODNEY DANIEL ...	01/14/1998		
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ELOFSON, OLOF R .....	01/14/1998		
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GAMBLE, JEFFREY G SR .....	01/14/1998		
SAN DIEGO, CA			
HESSER, ROBERT J .....	01/14/1998		
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PARKER, SYLVESTER E JR ...	01/14/1998		
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PAYNE, DENISE Y .....	01/14/1998		
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PERRY, KEITH O'NEIL .....	01/30/1998		
LOS ANGELES, CA			
SCHAEFFER, DARRELL RAY	01/14/1998		
PHOENIX, AZ			
SCHUCKMAN, GARY A .....	01/14/1998		
WILMINGTON, NC			
SMITH, ROBERT L .....	01/14/1998		
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WATFORD, DOUGLAS E .....	01/14/1998		
AHOSKIE, NC			
WILLIAMS, WILLIAM E .....	01/14/1998		
OAKLAND, CA			
<b>EXCLUSION BASED ON SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT</b>			
BEAR LOVE MEDICAL EQUIP-			
MENT .....	02/19/1998		

public comments were received. The purpose of this notice is to allow an additional 30 days for public comment.

The NIH may not conduct or sponsor, and the respondent is not required to respond to, an information collection that has been extended, revised, or implemented on or after June 30, 1999, unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

**PROPOSED COLLECTION:** Title: Test-Retest Study of the Alcohol Use Disorder and Associated Disabilities Interview Schedule (AUDADIS-IV) in a General Population Sample. Type of Information Collection request: New. Need and Use of Information Collection: The information proposed for collection in this study will be used by the NIAAA to develop and finalize psychometrically sound measures of alcohol and drug-related disabilities for use in major epidemiologic surveys conducted in the United States. Currently, there is a great need for more reliable measurement of alcohol and drug use disorders and their associated disabilities in all fields of substance use research.

*Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Type of Respondents:* American adults.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent:* 2.

*Average Burden Hours per Response:* 1.00.

*And Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours Requested:* 1000.

There are no Capital Costs to report.

There are no Operating or Maintenance Costs to report.

The annual burden estimates are as follows:

Type and number of respondents	Responses per respondent	Total responses	Hours	Total hours
(First (Test) Interviews):				
500 .....	1	500	1.00	500
(Second (Retest) Interviews):				
500 .....	1	500	1.00	500
Total Number of Respondents: 500 (per year)				
Total Number of Responses: 1000 (per year)				
Total Hours: 1000 (per year)				

**REQUEST FOR COMMENTS:** Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection is necessary, including whether the information has practical use; (b) ways to enhance the clarity,

quality, and use of the information to be collected; (c) the accuracy of the agency estimate of burden of the proposed collection; and (d) ways to minimize the collection burden of the respondents.

Send written comments to Dr. Bridget Grant, Biometry Branch, Division of Biometry and Epidemiology (DBE), NIAAA, NIH, Willco Bldg., Suite 514,