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OFFICE OF
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SAMPLE LETTER FROM
UNITED STATES OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT (OPM),
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (OIG),
PROPOSING DEBARMENT FROM PARTICIPATING IN
FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAM (FEHBP)
2004

Dear

This notifies you that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) proposes to debar you from participating in the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHBP). FEHBP provides health insurance coverage to federal employees, annuitants, and their dependents. Our proposed action is based on your 4/20/2004 exclusion by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) from participating in Medicare and Medicaid. Under federal law and regulations [5 USC 8902a(b)(5) and 5 CFR 890.1004(b), respectively], our office must debar any health care provider who has been excluded by another federal agency. The term of this debarment is concurrent with the term of your DHHS exclusion.

Once the debarment is finalized, you cannot receive payment of FEHBP funds, either directly or indirectly, for any services or supplies you provide to a FEHBP-covered person on or after the effective date of the debarment. Failure to comply with these terms while debarred may subject you to criminal or civil penalties. Debarment does **not** affect your eligibility to be considered for federal employment, to receive entitlement benefits such as Social Security or SSI payments, nor does it affect your own health care benefits.

You may contest the proposed debarment by submitting documents and written arguments to the debarring official at the address shown in the upper-right hand corner of this page. Any material you provide must be received in our office no later than **June 23, 2004**. Because security procedures at federal agencies may prolong the time required for delivery of first class mail, you may prefer to fax your contest to (202) 606-2153, e-mail it to debar@opm.gov, or send it by express delivery service to the address shown at the top right corner of this page.

If you contest this action, please be aware that we will not consider the underlying facts and circumstances that led to the exclusion or entertain any other form of collateral challenge. The only factors that would support a decision to rescind our proposed debarment would be if the DHHS exclusion had been terminated, or if there were an error of identity such that you are not the individual or entity sanctioned by DHHS. If you do not contest OPM's debarment, we will finalize it on **June 23, 2004**, and notify all FEHBP health insurance carriers of your debarred status. We will terminate your debarment when DHHS notifies us that they have reinstated you.

If you have questions or require additional information, you can e-mail or fax us, or call the Office of Legal Affairs, Office of the Inspector General at (202) 606-1743 or (202) 606-1733.

Sincerely,

J. David Cope
Debarring Official