Office of Inspector General (OIG) Exclusions

What are OIG exclusions?

OIG Exclusions are administrative actions by the Office of the Inspector General that prohibit participation in any Federal Health Care Program, which includes Medicare and Medicaid. No payment can be made for any items or services furnished, ordered, or prescribed by an excluded individual or entity.

What are the different types of OIG exclusions?

Permissive Exclusions and Mandatory Exclusions.

What convictions may cause permissive exclusions?

Lying on a healthcare enrollment application, failure to repay health education loans, loss of a state license to practice, or conviction of certain misdemeanor crimes relating to theft, fraud, embezzlement, breach of financial responsibility.

What convictions may cause mandatory exclusions?

Medicare or Medicaid fraud, as well as any other offenses related to the delivery of items or services under Medicare, Medicaid, SCHIP, or other State health care programs; patient abuse or neglect; felony convictions for other healthcare-related fraud, theft, or other financial misconduct; and felony convictions relating to unlawful manufacture, distribution, prescription, or dispensing of controlled substances.

How may healthcare agencies ensure their staff has not been excluded by the OIG?

Review the OIG's List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (LEIE) provides information to the health care industry, patients and the public regarding individuals and entities currently excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid, and all other Federal health care programs. Individuals and entities who have been reinstated are removed from the LEIE.

What are the consequences of hiring an individual or entity excluded from federally funded health care programs?

Civil monetary penalties of $10,000 for each claimed item or service furnished during the period that the person was excluded.

Are OIG Exclusions permanent?

Not always. The OIG will impose exclusion terms based on the crime. Exclusions vary and can carry shorter terms, while others may result in permanent exclusion.