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Re: Notice of suspension of Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus Program payments

Dear Mr. Bonilla:

The Department of Health Services is suspending Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus Program payments to Deaconess Home Health, Inc. effective April 19, 2013. This suspension applies to full suspension of Deaconess Home Health, Inc. claims paid by the Wisconsin Medicaid and BadgerCare Plus Programs. Federal law, s.1903(i)(2) of the Social Security Act and federal regulations, 42 C.F.R. §§ 1007.9, 455.2, 455.23, require that Medicaid payments be suspended pending the investigation of a "credible allegation of fraud" against any individual or entity, unless the State determines that there is good cause not to suspend payments.

Pursuant to federal law, the suspension of payments based on a credible allegation of fraud is temporary and will end upon the determination that there is insufficient evidence of fraud by Deaconess Home Health, Inc. or upon the completion of legal proceeding(s) related to the alleged fraud by Deaconess Home Health, Inc. pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 455.23(c)(1).

The State may also find good cause not to impose or continue suspension of payments, or to suspend payments only in part, pursuant to 42 C.F.R. § 455.23(e)-(f). At present, the Department is unaware of any present circumstances that constitute good cause as enumerated in the aforementioned federal regulations; however, you may submit relevant written evidence in support of removing the payment suspension for the OIG to evaluate.

You may request a hearing regarding this action by filing a written request for hearing with the Division of Hearings and Appeals, P.O. Box 7875, Madison, WI 53707. The request must be filed within 15 days of the date of service of this notice.

Sincerely,

Alan S. White, Inspector General Office of the Inspector General Department of Health Services

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