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MEMORANDUM FOR: JULIA HEARTHWAY
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SUBJECT: Audit of COVID-19 Pandemic Impact on OWCP
Claims Processing and Adjudication

Please be advised the Office of Inspector General is initiating an audit of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' (OWCP) response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, we will review the pandemic's impact on claims processing and adjudication and the guidance issued to address challenges posed by COVID-19 to program claimants.

We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference to discuss the audit's objective, scope, and methodology. Due to the urgency of this work, we would like to have an entrance conference the week of May 11, 2020, and plan to begin work immediately after the entrance conference. We would appreciate your notifying appropriate agency officials of our plans.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Sovich, Acting Audit Director, at (215) 446-3723.

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