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MEMORANDUM FOR: LEONARD J. HOWIE III

Director

Office of Workers' Compensation Programs

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for Audit

SUBJECT: Second Opinion and Referee Medical

Examinations Review

In response to a request from Senator Claire McCaskill, the Office of Inspector General is initiating a review of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' (OWCP) procedures for the selection of physicians to perform second opinion and impartial referee medical examinations. We will contact your audit liaisons to schedule an entrance conference so we can discuss the review's objective(s), scope, methodology, and timeframes.

To facilitate our planning efforts, we will also contact the audit liaisons to request information we require before holding the entrance conference. Please notify the appropriate officials of our plans to initiate work.

If you have questions, please contact Stephen Fowler, Audit Director, at (215) 446-3701.

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