

THE DANGER OF IGNORING EXCLUSIONS

A \$243,000, Real World Example

THE SITUATION AND PROBLEM

Walnut Creek SNF Opco, LLC d/b/a Walnut Creek Nursing Center (Walnut Creek) allegedly employed a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN), who was an excluded individual.

During the investigation, the Office of Inspector General discovered the LPN provided items or services that were billed to Federal Health Care Programs.



THE RULES

The Office of the Inspector General of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services excludes people from participating in federal health care programs upon their conviction of certain crimes. A federal health care exclusion is intended to keep individuals who have violated the law out of Medicare, Medicaid, and Federal Employee Health Benefits programs to protect program beneficiaries and the integrity of the programs.



THE OUTCOME

Following the Office of Inspector General's investigation, the organization entered a settlement agreement to pay \$243,000.90 for these allegations.



THE SOLUTION



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Information regarding this case was taken directly from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General <https://www.justice.gov/usao-edpa/pr/pharmacy-owner-and-pharmacist-employee-previously-convicted-felon-agree-pay-250000>

**The claims resolved by this settlement are allegations only and there has been no determination of liability.*