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Reference: Medicare cost shifting; Workforce Protections Subcommittee Hearing

Dear Congressman,

It was with great interest I listened to the webcast of the Workforce Protections Subcommittee Hearing, conducted November 17, 2010. I hereby request that you forward this letter to the appropriate parties at the Government Accountability Office that are following-up on your hearings with an investigative report.

As you may be aware, in California billions of dollars are shifted to the Medicare system by private Medicare contractors; such as the Adventist Health System (AHS). "Non-profit" entities, such as AHS, are very proficient at creating false medical reports, doctoring X-ray reports, and countless other corrupt and fraudulent practices within the workers compensation arena.

"Self insured plans" are self insured workers compensation plans. In this case, AHS maintains a close relationship with insurer AIG. AIG is very aware of the practices used by AHS to avoid legitimate workers compensation liability and re-direct workers compensation injuries to the federal government.

Weak and lax regulations, under the Medicare Set-Aside Program, have fostered an environment that allows self-insured hospitals, like AHS, to misuse their knowledge of Medicare billing practices to circumvent legitimate workers compensation liability.

I would be most happy to share my files with the GAO and introduce GAO agents to law enforcement agents in California that have an intimate knowledge of these corrupt practices.

Sincerely

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