

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center
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NOTICE TO PROFESSIONAL STAFF APPLICANTS AND MEMBERS:
EXCLUSION FROM FEDERAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS

What is an excluded provider?

An excluded provider is an individual or entity who has been excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid, or other Federal or State health care programs.

Who can impose exclusion?

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) has been given the authority to exclude from participation in Medicare, Medicaid and other Federal health care programs individuals and entities who have engaged in fraud or abuse, and to impose civil monetary penalties for certain misconduct related to Federal health care programs. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission may exclude providers from the state's Medicaid program.

What is the effect of OIG exclusion?

- **No Payments Made**
Any items and services furnished by an excluded individual or entity are not reimbursable under government health care programs. In addition, any items and services furnished at the medical direction or prescription of an excluded physician are not reimbursable when the individual or entity furnishing the services either knows or should know of the exclusion.
- **Civil Monetary Penalty**
A provider may face civil monetary penalties if the provider submits claims to a Federal health care program for health care items or services provided, directly or indirectly, by excluded individuals or entities when the provider either knows or should know of the exclusion.
- **Medical Staff Suspension**
An excluded practitioner is administratively suspended from PLFSOM's Professional Staff from the date of exclusion to the date of the practitioner's reinstatement. The suspension is automatic and administrative and is not reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

How does PLFSOM Health System determine if a provider is excluded?

At the time of a practitioner's appointment to the Professional Staff and routinely thereafter, PLFSOM checks the OIG List of Excluded Individuals/Entities, the General Services Administration (GSA) Excluded Parties List System, and the Texas Medicare/Medicaid Exclusions Lists. **IN ADDITION, EACH MEMBER OF THE MEDICAL STAFF HAS A DUTY TO REPORT HIS OR HER EXCLUSION IMMEDIATELY TO THE MEDICAL STAFF OFFICE.** Failure to report exclusion can lead to disciplinary action, including termination of Professional Staff privileges.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have received a copy of this Notice and agree to report to the Office of Clinical Affairs immediately if you are excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid, or other Federal or State health care program.

Signature

Date

Printed Name