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Mr. Seto J. Bagdoyan
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Dear Mr. Bagdoyan:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Tuesday, June 2, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "Medicaid Program Integrity: Screening Out Errors, Fraud, and Abuse."

Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions with a transmittal letter by the close of business on Wednesday, July, 8, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Brittany Havens, Legislative Clerk, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to brittany.havens@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Tim Murphy
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: The Honorable Diana DeGette, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Attachment

Attachment—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Tim Murphy

1. CMS created a tool called the Data Services Hub (Hub), which is supposed to help verify beneficiary application information used to determine eligibility for enrollment. This tool— if properly implemented—could mitigate some of the potential improper payment issues that GAO identified in its report. Has GAO conducted any work evaluating the Hub?
 - a. Does GAO believe that the Hub has been successful in reducing the improper payment issues found based on GAO's 2011 data analysis?
 - b. What is the status of the Hub? Is it fully operational? Is it helping reduce instances of fraudulent and improper payments?

The Honorable Michael C. Burgess

1. CMS raised its improper payment target rate for Fiscal Year 2015 to 6.7 percent (the same rate as the actual improper payment rate for Fiscal Year 2014) from the 5.6 percent improper payment target rate for Fiscal Year 2014. Was the raising of the target rate for improper payments an appropriate and effective internal control practice?