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Rafael Rodríguez Mercado, M.D.  
Secretary  
Puerto Rico Department of Health  
P.O. Box 70184  
San Juan, PR 00936-8184

Dear Dr. Rodríguez:

The Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 (P.L. 116-94) mandates that the Office of Inspector General (OIG) develop and submit to Congress a report identifying payments made under Puerto Rico's Medicaid program to Managed Care Organizations that are at high risk for waste, fraud, or abuse, and a plan for auditing such payments. The purpose of this letter is to notify you of our intention to fulfill our Congressional mandate by conducting a risk assessment of the Puerto Rico Medicaid program. The risk assessment will include interviews with Medicaid officials addressing our risk-based questions and a review of related supporting documentation.

As a recipient of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) grant funds, the Puerto Rico Department of Health is subject to OIG audits and other reviews. Pursuant to 45 CFR § 75.364(a), OIG has the right to timely and unrestricted access to all books, documents, papers, or other records that are pertinent to the Federal grant award.

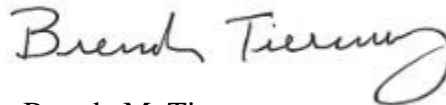
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We are required to report as a security breach any audit information sent to us that does not meet FIPS 140-2 requirements.

This risk assessment will be performed under my direction. As arranged by Ms. Talia D. Rosario, Senior Auditor, of my staff, we plan to hold an entrance conference on March 2, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

If you have any questions or concerns about our review, please contact Mr. Glenn H. Richter, Assistant Regional Inspector General for Audit Services, through email at [Glenn.Richter@oig.hhs.gov](mailto:Glenn.Richter@oig.hhs.gov). Please refer to Common Identification Number A-02-20-01011 in all correspondence. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda Tierney". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Brenda M. Tierney  
Regional Inspector General  
for Audit Services