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March 9, 2012

Catherine Hamilton, Dir. Of Patient Accounting
Eastern Niagara Hospital
521 East Avenue
Lockport, NY 14094-3201

RE: AUDIT SUMMATION
Provider # [REDACTED]
Audit # 12-2321

Dear Ms. Hamilton:

The New York State Department of Health (Department) is the single state agency responsible for the administration of the medical assistance (Medicaid) program. The Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) is an independent office within the Department responsible for a variety of Medicaid program integrity functions. As part of its responsibilities, the OMIG conducts audits and reviews of various providers of Medicaid reimbursable services, equipment and supplies. These audits and reviews are directed at ensuring provider compliance with applicable laws, regulations, rules and policies of the Medicaid program as set forth in New York Public Health Law, New York Social Services Law, the regulations of the Department of Health and the Department of Mental Hygiene (Titles 10, 14 and 18 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York) and the Department's Medicaid Managed Care Model Contract, Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) Provider Manuals and *Medicaid Update* publications.

A review of payments to Eastern Niagara Hospital for Hospital Based Outpatient Services paid by Medicaid to dual eligible recipients on or before December 31, 2011 was recently completed. The purpose of the project was to identify claims that circumvented the eMedNY automated void system. Our audit revealed that, for the period reviewed, Eastern Niagara Hospital generally adhered to applicable Medicaid billing rules and regulations.

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Pursuant to 18 NYCRR 517.3(h) the OMIG hereby concludes its review related to the above-referenced audit objective and scope. The OMIG has determined that no further action is warranted.

We thank you for your continued interest and participation in the Medicaid program.

The OMIG reserves the right to conduct further reviews of your participation in the Medicaid program, take action where appropriate, and recover any associated overpayments. If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Jay Lieb at (315) 423-2033 or by email at jay.lieb@omig.ny.gov. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Catherine McCulskey.

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