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October 4, 2012

Mr. Mustaque Ahmed, Supervising Pharmacist
Astoria Pharmacy, Inc.
3014 30th Avenue
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RE: AUDIT SUMMATION
Audit #10-4241
Provider ID [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Ahmed:

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 assessing 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 Astoria Pharmacy, Inc. for pharmacy services paid by Medicaid for New York City recipients from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2009, was recently completed. During the audit period, \$7,349,212.21 was paid for 162,567 claims reimbursed. This review consisted of a random sample of 200 claims with Medicaid payments of \$9,369.89. The purpose of the audit was to determine whether: prescriptions were properly ordered by a qualified practitioner; the pharmacy has sufficient documentation to substantiate billed services; appropriate formulary codes were billed; patient related records contain the documentation required by the regulations; and claims for payment were submitted in accordance with Department regulations and the appropriate Provider Manuals. Our audit revealed that, for the period and scope reviewed, Astoria Pharmacy, Inc. generally adhered to applicable Medicaid billing rules and regulations.

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Please be advised that 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 Sharon Conway at (518) 486-4252 or by email at sharon.conway@omig.ny.gov. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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