

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL



WASHINGTON, DC 20201

February 15, 2024

Jeffrey Loren Fraser, M.D. 9200 Heritage Lake Drive, #105 Lincoln, NE 68526

Dear Jeffrey Loren Fraser:

RE: OIG File Number 7-18-40015-9

On July 30, 2021, you were notified by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) that you were being excluded from participation in all Federal health care programs for the minimum statutory period of 5 years. The OIG imposed this exclusion under section 1128(a)(4) of the Social Security Act, based on your felony conviction in the United States District Court, District of Nebraska, of a criminal offense related to the unlawful manufacture, distribution, prescription, or dispensing of a controlled substance. Your exclusion became effective August 19, 2021, and remains in effect.

By email dated March 23, 2023, Jay Ludlam, Deputy Secretary, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services agreed to proceed with the requested waiver of your exclusion that was submitted to the OIG by letter dated February 20, 2023, by Dave Richard, who was serving as Deputy Secretary at that time. Since the request met the criteria set forth in 42 CFR 1001.1801(b), by letter dated March 24, 2023, we granted this request with respect to items and services furnished, ordered, or prescribed by you to North Carolina Medicaid program beneficiaries as an employee of G&G Healthcare, P.C. in the practice location in Cerro Gordo, North Carolina.

The OIG has reviewed this prior waiver and, in consultation with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), is modifying the previously granted waiver to include items and services furnished, ordered, or prescribed by you to both North Carolina Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries as an employee of G&G Healthcare, P.C. in the practice location in Cerro Gordo, North Carolina. This expanded waiver supersedes the waiver granted on March 24, 2023, and is effective as of the date of this letter.

This waiver affects only the services specified above for as long as the North Carolina Medicaid agency and CMS determine that such need exists. Your exclusion remains in effect for all items and services you furnish, order, or prescribe within all other programs in North Carolina and all other states. This action does not otherwise change your current exclusion; it remains in effect and as detailed in your exclusion notice, reinstatement is not automatic. You must apply for reinstatement at the end of your exclusion period to be considered for reinstatement.

This waiver is not retroactive and does not authorize you to claim payment for items and services you have previously rendered that were outside the scope of the previously granted waiver dated March 24, 2023. If the basis for this wavier ceases to exist, the waiver will be rescinded.

Sincerely,

Joann M. Digitally signed by Joann M. Francis Francis

Joann M. Francis Reviewing Official Exclusions Branch

cc: Jay Ludlam, Deputy Secretary
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

Minisha Hicks, Director Division of Provider Enrollment Appeals Provider Enrollment & Oversight Group Center for Program Integrity Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services



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March 24, 2023

Jeffrey Loren Fraser, M.D. 9200 Heritage Lake Drive, #105 Lincoln, NE 68526

Dear Jeffrey Loren Fraser:

RE: OI File Number 7-18-40015-9

On July 30, 2021, you were notified by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) that you were being excluded from participation in the Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal health care programs for a minimum period of 5 years. That action was taken under Section 1128(a)(4) of the Social Security Act (Act) and was based on your felony conviction in the United States District Court, District of Nebraska, of a criminal offense related to the delivery of an item or service under the Medicare or a State health care program. Your exclusion became effective August 19, 2021, and remains in effect.

By letter dated February 20, 2023, Jay Ludlam, Medicaid Director, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, requested a waiver of your exclusion. The request for a waiver is based on North Carolina's determination that you are the sole community physician in Cerro Gordo, North Carolina, and that your exclusion would impose a hardship on North Carolina Medicaid beneficiaries in the Cerro Gordo community. Since this request meets the criteria set forth in 42 CFR 1001.1801 and Section 1128(c)(3)(B) of the Act, we are granting the State agency's request for the waiver of exclusion with respect to your enrollment as a provider in the North Carolina Medicaid program.

This waiver only applies to the North Carolina Medicaid program with respect to items and services furnished, ordered, or prescribed as an employee of G&G Healthcare, P.C., in the practice location in Cerro Gordo, North Carolina. Your exclusion remains in effect for all items and services you furnish, order, or prescribe outside of Cerro Gordo, North Carolina, and with respect to any items or services you furnish, order, or prescribe for beneficiaries of other Federal health care programs than the North Carolina Medicaid program. As detailed in your exclusion notice, reinstatement to participation in all Federal health care programs is not automatic. You must apply to the OIG for reinstatement at the end of your 5-year term of exclusion in order to be considered for reinstatement and become eligible to participate in all Federal health care programs.

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Approval of this waiver request means that, **effective with the date of this notice**, you may submit claims for payment to the North Carolina Medicaid program for covered items and services furnished, ordered, or prescribed by you as an employee of G&G Healthcare, P.C., in the practice location in Cerro Gordo, North Carolina. This waiver is not retroactive and does not authorize you to claim North Carolina Medicaid program payment for items and services you have previously rendered. If the basis for this wavier ceases to exist, the waiver will be rescinded.

Sincerely,

Joann M. Digitally signed by Francis Joann M. Francis

Joann M. Francis Reviewing Official Exclusions Branch

cc: Jay Ludlum,

North Carolina Medicaid Director