
42 C.F.R. § 1001.601

Exclusion or suspension under a Federal or State health care program.

(a) *Circumstance for exclusion.* (1) The OIG may exclude an individual or entity suspended or excluded from participation, or otherwise sanctioned, under—

(i) Any Federal program involving the provision of health care, or

(ii) A State health care program, for reasons bearing on the individual's or entity's professional competence, professional performance or financial integrity.

(2) The term “or otherwise sanctioned” in paragraph (a)(1) of this section is intended to cover all actions that limit the ability of a person to participate in the program at issue regardless of what such an action is called, and includes situations where an individual or entity voluntarily withdraws from a program to avoid a formal sanction.

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