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Ms. Leanna Smith
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Tempe, Arizona 85283

Dear Ms. Smith:

I am writing in response to the letter you originally sent to the U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ), dated July 21, 2009, regarding potential substandard treatment and fraudulent acts by the Barrow Desert Medical Center, Barrows Neurological Institute, and St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center, involving the care your daughter Schaunell Roberson received at each facility.

Our office reviewed your correspondence and supporting documentation and determined that one of the issues you raised concerned the quality of care your daughter received. Accordingly, I have forwarded your correspondence to:

Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
Clinical Quality Management Unit
801 East Jefferson
Phoenix, Arizona 85034

The Office of Inspector General is responsible for investigating fraud within the programs of the Department of Health and Human Services. In order to fulfill this responsibility we work closely with the other agencies. After further review, we determined that that issues you reported should be reviewed by the Arizona Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (AZ MFCU), a division of the Arizona Attorney's General Office. The AZ MFCU is a federally funded unit charged with investigating and prosecuting Medicaid fraud in Arizona. Accordingly, I have also forwarded a copy of your correspondence to:

Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of Arizona
Office of Attorney General
1275 W. Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Thomas Sowinski
Director
Investigations Branch