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Acting Commissioner  
New York State Department of Corrections  
and Community Supervision  
The Harriman State Office Campus  
1220 Washington Avenue  
Albany, New York 12226

Re: WCFIG 1281-325-2018

Dear Acting Commissioner Annucci:

On April 16, 2018, the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS) alleged to the Office of the New York State Workers' Compensation Fraud Inspector General that Correction Officer [REDACTED], while out collecting workers' compensation insurance for an injury that allegedly occurred on March 5, 2018, provided two fraudulent doctor notes to DOCCS. DOCCS further reported that the New York State Insurance Fund advised DOCCS that the purported treating physician had not treated [REDACTED] since January 31, 2017, and no longer practiced at the Staten Island address provided in the doctor notes.

The Workers' Compensation Fraud Inspector General conducted an investigation of this allegation and found that [REDACTED] who was assigned to the now-closed Lincoln Correctional Facility in Manhattan, had presented two other fraudulent doctor notes to

DOCCS, for a total of four fake documents. All four notes claimed that the examinations took place at the office of Dr. [REDACTED], M.D., in Staten Island.

Dr. [REDACTED] testified to the Workers' Compensation Fraud Inspector General that she had not seen [REDACTED] after his March 5, 2018 accident, had no knowledge of the accident, and had not issued the four notes submitted by [REDACTED] to DOCCS. According to [REDACTED] she last treated [REDACTED] on January 31, 2017 at her Staten Island practice for an accident that had occurred on August 23, 2016. [REDACTED] further testified that she had not worked at the Staten Island clinic since 2017, as she had moved her practice to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] reviewed copies of the four doctor notes submitted by [REDACTED] to DOCCS and denied having completed, signed, or rubber-stamped any of these notes. [REDACTED] advised that although the rubber stamp on the notes appears identical to hers, she secures her rubber stamp.

The findings of the Workers' Compensation Fraud Inspector General's investigation of [REDACTED] were earlier transmitted to DOCCS, which advised it has commenced a review of the matter. This letter serves as a formal referral to DOCCS for any further action deemed appropriate.

Please advise me of the action taken by DOCCS in response to this referral within 45 days of the date of this letter, including whether DOCCS develops evidence that constitutes a basis for disciplinary action. If you require further information, please contact Deputy Inspector General Jessica Silver at 212.635.3150.

Sincerely,

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