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Latasha Clanton
Chief Investigator
New York State Workers' Compensation Board
Compliance Bureau
328 State Street
Schenectady, New York 12305

Re: WCFIG 2224-325-2017

Dear Chief Investigator Clanton:

On July 7, 2017, the Office of the New York State Workers' Compensation Fraud Inspector General received a complaint alleging that several taxi companies operating in and around Geneva, New York, failed to maintain required workers' compensation insurance.

Based upon this allegation, the Inspector General conducted a review of the taxi companies named in the complaint. That review revealed that [REDACTED] a Medicaid transportation provider located in Waterloo, New York, was operating with at least one employee and lacked workers' compensation insurance. The New York State Workers' Compensation Board (WCB) investigated the matter and issued a Stop Work Order to [REDACTED] for its failure to maintain workers' compensation insurance. After the order was issued, [REDACTED] obtained workers' compensation insurance coverage with the New York State Insurance Fund, but then failed to continue

premium payments. That policy was cancelled in December 2017 but [REDACTED] continued to provide Medicaid transportation services after that date. WCB ultimately fined [REDACTED] \$37,500 for its failure to maintain workers' compensation insurance coverage through September 27, 2019.

[REDACTED] remains an active entity providing Medicaid transportation services. Its owner/operator, [REDACTED] has represented that the entity has no employees. As such, [REDACTED] is not required to maintain workers' compensation insurance.

Given [REDACTED] prior noncompliance, I am referring this information to your office should the WCB pursue action against [REDACTED] in the future.

If you require further information, please contact Deputy Inspector General Jeffrey J. Hagen at 716.847.7118.

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✓ Robyn Adair
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