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OIG: COVID-19 FAQs
AND HOW TO SEEK
ADVISORY OPINION

The Office of Inspector General (OIG) recognizes that we are still working through a public health emergency resulting from the outbreak of the COVID-19 and that the health care industry must focus on delivering needed patient care. In order to promote economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in HHS programs, the OIG is accepting inquiries from the health care community regarding the application of OIG's administrative enforcement authorities, including the Federal anti-kickback statute and civil monetary penalty (CMP) provision prohibiting inducements to beneficiaries (Beneficiary Inducements CMP). Please submit your questions regarding the view of OIG, to OIGComplianceSuggestions@oig.hhs.gov. Make sure to provide complete facts to allow for a better understanding of the parties and terms of the arrangement at issue. The [FAQ site](#) will frequently be updated as submissions are received.

The OIG's advisory opinion process is available to requesting parties about the application of the OIG's fraud and abuse authorities to the party's existing or proposed business arrangement. An OIG advisory opinion is legally binding on HHS and the requesting party or parties. For more information about the advisory opinion process, please see <https://oig.hhs.gov/faqs/advisory-opinions-faq.asp>. The latest advisory opinion submitted, [Advisory Opinion 21-01](#), is regarding a free drug provided by a pharmaceutical manufacturer to certain patients prescribed the drug.

If you have any questions regarding Covid-19 or OIG opinions, you may contact [Jenny Holt Teeter](#) or [Brianna C. Cook](#).