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Dear Manufacturer:

I am writing on behalf of El Centro Regional Medical Center (DSH050045) to inform manufacturers that El Centro Regional Medical Center (ECRMC) recently underwent an audit by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of ECRMC's compliance with 340B Drug Pricing Program (340B Program) requirements.

As background, ECRMC qualified for the 340B Program as a Disproportionate Share Hospital in El Centro, CA and has participated in the 340B Program since October 2006.

Through the audit process, ECRMC was found to have non-compliance within their 340B Program and is responsible for repayment as a result of the following findings: Finding 1- ECRMC dispensed 340B drugs to ineligible individuals, as prohibited by USC 256b(a)(5)(B). To rectify the issue, ECRMC has revised policies and procedures, implemented a comprehensive audit program and restricted the file of eligible prescribers to exclude credentialed providers with private practices to avoid prescriptions from unqualified locations. Procedures for surgical admissions have been revised and promulgated through staff training. Finding 2: ECRMC did not have adequate controls in place to ensure proper accumulation and prevention of diversion of 340B drugs, as prohibited by 42 USC 256b(a)(5)(B). ECRMC has revised the operational procedures of automated dispensing cabinets and promulgated through staff training.

ECRMC has identified all affected manufacturers and has contacted each to notify them of these violations and to begin a dialogue on a method for repayment to affected manufacturers. If manufacturers have not received notification from ECRMC and believe repayment may be owed for the violations described in this letter, or if you have any questions or comments regarding the violations described in this letter please contact: Bruce Balog or Daniel Tirado, Co-Directors of Pharmacy, (760) 339-7180, bruce.balog@ecrmc.org or Daniel.tirado@ecrmc.org, 1415 Ross Avenue, El Centro, CA 92243.

Sincerely,

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