

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

TEXAS HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

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The Texas Office of the Inspector General (OIG) is committed to supporting providers during this time and ensuring the necessary flexibilities are in place to make patient care the top priority. In response, the OIG has extended a variety of deadlines related to audits, inspections, investigations and other related work. You can find a current list of these extensions on the OIG website at https://oig.hhsc.texas.gov/covid-19

Going forward when conducting audits, inspections, investigations and reviews the OIG will take into consideration approved federal and state statute, waivers and guidance for any dates that fall within the coronavirus public health emergency time period.

During this time the OIG is actively monitoring for potential schemes noted by The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General and the Justice Department related to COVID-19 including false tests and testing locations, vaccines, or other treatments.

The OIG is focused on protecting the health and safety of Texans and will investigate all allegations of fraud, waste, and abuse during this public health crisis and take action as appropriate. Violations of law will be subject to civil or criminal penalties.

Should you become aware of any potential incidences of fraud, waste, or abuse, please refer to the OIG through the following:

OIG fraud hotline: 1-800-436-6184

Online at: <u>https://oig.hhsc.state.tx.us/wafrep/</u>