

August 19, 2009

RE: Deficit Reduction Act (DRA)

Dear Provider/Vendor or Contractor:

I am writing to share with you information about the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005. The DRA contains certain requirements that directly affect PrimeWest Health and our providers, contractors, and agents. These requirements relate to our mutual roles and responsibilities to detect and prevent fraud, waste, and abuse in the healthcare system.

PrimeWest Health is committed to conducting our business with integrity and in compliance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations. We expect that you will understand and support our policies and procedures regarding the detection and prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse. In order to comply with the requirements of the DRA, PrimeWest Health has adopted a written policy through which we provide detailed information about federal and state false claims laws, including the remedies and whistleblower protections created under these laws, to our employees, contractors, and agents. In accordance with our policy, we have enclosed information about these laws, remedies, and protections for you to disseminate to all your employees.

In addition to the included information, PrimeWest Health maintains a code of conduct and policies and procedures regarding our practices for detecting and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse. You may request copies of these documents or other information related to our internal compliance program by contacting me at rebecca.beeler@primewest.org.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. We look forward to working with you to combat fraud, waste, and abuse. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at **1-320-335-5240**.

Sincerely,



Rebecca Beeler
Corporate Compliance Officer

Enclosures: Summary of the Federal False Claims Laws
Summary Minnesota Laws Related to False Claims