Federal law prohibits Medicare, Medicaid, and other Federal health care programs from paying for items or services provided by a person or entity excluded from these Federal programs.

All First-Tier Entities (FTE) that contract with PrimeWest Health to provide administrative or health care services for PrimeWest Health are responsible for checking Federal and State exclusion databases before hiring or contracting with individuals and entities. After hiring or contracting with an individual or entity, you must check on them monthly in the databases.

### Individuals and Entity Types to Check
- Employees
- Temporary employees
- Volunteers
- Consultants
- Governing bodies
- Downstream entities

### Document Requirements
You must maintain documentation that you have checked these exclusion databases. You can use logs or other records to document that you screened each employee and/or downstream entity. You should also document the date you checked the databases, the results, and any actions taken, if applicable.

### Exclusion Databases
All of the following databases must be checked before hiring or contracting with an individual or entity:
- Office of Inspector General (OIG) Exclusion Database or OIG List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (LEIE)
- System for Award Management (SAM)
- Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) Excluded Provider Lists

### Identified Matches on Any of the Exclusion Lists
If an employee and/or downstream entity is found on any of the exclusion lists, you must immediately do the following:
1. Remove the employee or entity from any direct or indirect work with PrimeWest Health
2. Notify PrimeWest Health by calling the Provider Contact Center at 1-866-431-0802 (toll free)

### Regulatory Citations
- Title 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1001.1901
- Social Security Act sec. 1862(e)(1)(B)
- 42 CFR 422.503(b)(4)(vi)(F)
- 42 CFR 422.752(a)(8)
- 42 CFR 423.504(b)(4)(vi)(F)
- 42 CFR 423.752(a)(6)
- Medicare Managed Care Manual, Chapter 21, sec. 50.6.8
- MN Stat. sec. 256B.064, subd. 3