

control interest in the entity, as defined in section 1124(a)(1) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1302a-3(a)(1)) and part 420 of this chapter.

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§ 1008.38 Signed certifications by the requestor.

(a) Every request must include the following signed certification from all requestors: “With knowledge of the penalties for false statements provided by 18 U.S.C. 1001 and with knowledge that this request for an advisory opinion is being submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services, I certify that all of the information provided is true and correct, and constitutes a complete description of the facts regarding which an advisory opinion is sought, to the best of my knowledge and belief.”

(b) If the advisory opinion relates to a proposed arrangement, the request must also include the following signed certification from all requestors: “The arrangement described in this request for an advisory opinion is one that [the requestor(s)] in good faith plan(s) to undertake.” This statement may be made contingent on a favorable OIG advisory opinion, in which case, the phrase “if the OIG issues a favorable advisory opinion” should be added to the certification.

(c) The certification(s) must be signed by—

- (1) The requestor, if the requestor is an individual;
- (2) The chief executive officer, or comparable officer, of the requestor, if the requestor is a corporation;
- (3) The managing partner of the requestor, if the requestor is a partnership; or
- (4) The managing member, or comparable person, if the requestor is a limited liability company.

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§ 1008.39 Additional information.

(a) If the request for an advisory opinion does not contain all of the information required by § 1008.36 of this part, or the OIG believes it needs more

information prior to rendering an advisory opinion, the OIG may, at any time, request whatever additional information or documents it deems necessary. The time period for the issuance of an advisory opinion will be tolled from the time the OIG requests the additional information from the requestor until such time as the OIG determines that it has received the requested information.

(b) The OIG may request additional information before or after the request for an advisory opinion has been accepted.

(c) Additional information should be provided in writing and certified to be a true, correct and complete disclosure of the requested information in a manner equivalent to that described in § 1008.38 of this part.

(d) In connection with any request for an advisory opinion, the OIG or DoJ may conduct whatever independent investigation they believe appropriate.

(e) Requesting parties are required to notify the OIG if they request an advisory opinion in accordance with part 411 of this title from HCFA about the arrangement that is the subject of their advisory opinion request.

(f) Where appropriate, after receipt of an advisory opinion request, the OIG may consult with the requesting parties to the extent the OIG deems necessary.

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§ 1008.40 Withdrawal.

The requestor of an advisory opinion may withdraw the request prior to the issuance of a formal advisory opinion by the OIG. The withdrawal must be written and must be submitted to the same address as the submitted request, as indicated in §§ 1008.18(b) and 1008.36(a) of this part. Regardless of whether the request is withdrawn, the requestor must pay the costs expended by the OIG in processing the opinion, as discussed in § 1008.31(d) of this part. The OIG reserves the right to retain any request for an advisory opinion, documents and information submitted to it under these procedures, and to use them for any governmental purposes.