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The US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (OIG) has released its updated <u>list</u> which reflects all OIG exclusions and reinstatement actions up to, and including, those taken in January 2018. This new file is meant to replace the updated LEIE database file available for download last month. Individuals and entities that have been reinstated to the federal health care programs are not included in this file.

The updated files are posted on the OIG's website and healthcare providers have an "affirmative duty" to check to ensure that excluded individuals are not working in their facilities or face significant fines. Instructional videos explaining how to use the online database and the downloadable files are available on the website. Given the penalties and recent government warnings, long term care providers should check the <u>LEIE</u> on a regular basis.

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