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University of Chicago
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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Project On Government Oversight (POGO) has updated its Federal Contractor Misconduct Database (http://www.contractormisconduct.org/), a compilation of information from public resources regarding government contractors, including the University of Chicago. I have enclosed the findings relevant to your company, and I am seeking verification of this data.

Any response would be greatly appreciated, as the accuracy of this information is in the best interest of all parties. Out of fairness to the University of Chicago, please be assured that any response received by POGO will be posted on the website along with the data. Please note that the database includes pending instances, but these are kept separate from resolved instances and are not included in the totals.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (202) 347-1122. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Neil Gordon
Investigator

Enclosure
Instances

Birth Injury
Date: 01/01/2002 (Date of Verdict - approximate)
Misconduct Type: Other
Enforcement Agency: Non-Governmental
Contracting Party: None
Court Type: Civil
Amount: $11,670,900
Disposition: Judgment Against Defendant
Synopsis: A jury in Cook County, Ill. awarded $11.7 million to a woman whose son suffered severe brain damage following his birth in 1988 at a University of Chicago hospital. The mother blamed the injury on the hospital's delay in performing an emergency C-section. The verdict was affirmed on appeal.

False Claims Relating to Transplant Services
Date: 07/01/2003 (Date of Settlement - approximate)
Misconduct Type: Ethics
Enforcement Agency: Multiple Agencies
Contracting Party: None
Court Type: Civil
Amount: $115,000
Disposition: Settlement
Synopsis: The University of Chicago Hospitals paid a fine of $115,000 to settle a whistleblower suit alleging the hospital improperly manipulated diagnoses to allow patients to become eligible for liver transplants and enable the hospital to receive federal and state reimbursement for the service.

Americans With Disabilities Act Violations
Date: 07/17/2006 (Date of Settlement)
Misconduct Type: Human Rights
Enforcement Agency: Justice
Contracting Party: None
Court Type: Administrative
Amount: $0
Disposition: Settlement
Synopsis: The University of Chicago entered a settlement agreement with the Department of Justice after it was determined that aspects of the campus were in violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. The university agreed to make the changes needed to make the campus more accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Medicare and Medicaid Overbilling
Date: 02/10/2000 (Date of Settlement)
Misconduct Type: Government Contract Fraud
Enforcement Agency: Health and Human Servs.
Contracting Party: Health and Human Servs.
Court Type: Civil
Amount: $10,900,000
Disposition: Settlement
Synopsis: In 2000, the University of Chicago agreed to pay the federal government $10.9 million to settle a lawsuit accusing the university of purposely overbilling Medicare and Medicaid claims for outpatient services between 1991 and 1998. The lawsuit accused the university of defrauding the government by engaging in a practice known as "upcoding," in which a hospital submits claims to the Medicare and Medicaid programs for more expensive treatments and procedures than it provided.