



**OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**  
TEXAS HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION

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INSPECTOR GENERAL

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Mrs. Heather Schraeder, Administrator  
Himmel Home Health, LLC  
1004 Mission Dr.  
New Braunfels, TX 78310

Dear Mrs. Schraeder:

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Office of Inspector General (OIG) Audit Division conducted an audit of Himmel Home Health, LLC (Himmel). The audit reviewed Himmel speech therapy claims submitted and paid under an Ancillary Provider Agreement as a network provider for Community First Health Plan (CFHP), a Texas Medicaid managed care organization. The objectives of the audit were to evaluate whether Himmel complied with Texas Medicaid requirements for (a) speech therapy initial authorizations and re-authorizations, discontinuation of the therapy treatments, and the associated claims billed to CFHP; (b) licensure, certification, and supervision of speech therapists; and (c) medical necessity of speech therapy treatments.

The scope of the audit included Medicaid claims billed through CFHP for the period from September 1, 2016, through August 31, 2017, and supporting documentation for 2,719 detail line items associated with a sample of 67 Medicaid members. Results indicated, for the claims tested, that Himmel complied with the Texas Medicaid requirements stated above.

The OIG Audit Division conducted this audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. The OIG Audit Division believes that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

Thank you for your cooperation during this audit.

Sylvia Hernandez Kauffman  
Inspector General