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Via Electronic Transmission

Robert A. Fontana
Chief Executive Officer
Aspen Dental Management, Inc.
281 Sanders Creek Parkway
East Syracuse, NY 13057

Dear Mr. Fontana:

I am continuing my investigation into alleged misuse of Medicaid funds and fraudulent practices stemming from the corporate ownership of dentistry businesses. As mentioned in my January 12, 2012, letter, many states prohibit the corporate practice of medicine and require an individual with an ownership interest in a medical facility to be a licensed care provider in the state in which the facility is located.

According to its website, Aspen Dental operates more than 300 dental practices in 22 states. Aspen Dental Management, Inc. appears to be the *de facto* owner of the individual dental clinics. Furthermore, Aspen Dental Management, Inc. is listed in the portfolio of the investment firm Leonard Green and Partners.

To assist us in understanding this situation, please provide, by June 29, 2012, ten representative examples of the management services agreement between Aspen Dental and owner dentists associated with your company. Please ensure that no two examples come from the same state.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Erika Smith with Senator Grassley at (202) 224-5225.

Sincerely,



Charles E. Grassley
Ranking Member