



June 22, 2011

The Honorable Tom Carper  
513 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC, 20510

The Honorable Tom Coburn, MD  
172 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-6200

Dear Senator Carper and Dr. Coburn:

Emdeon commends you for your bipartisan efforts to advance comprehensive program integrity legislation – the Medicare & Medicaid FAST Act of 2011. Based on our decades of experience in healthcare program integrity, should this legislation be enacted, we believe it would save taxpayers tens of billions of dollars.

Illustrating this need, according to the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Office of the Inspector General (OIG), in 2006, almost 30% of the claims that Medicare paid for durable medical equipment were incorrect. Even more troubling, from 2000 to 2007, Medicare paid 478,500 claims to dead physicians – for a loss of nearly \$100 million. In full, the National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association estimates that more than \$60 billion is annually lost to fraud nationwide – across all payers.

Your legislation rightly acknowledges that the federal government is in the best position to serve as the catalyst for large-scale adoption of common-sense program integrity principles, and that such change is necessary to transform our healthcare delivery system to a more efficient 21<sup>st</sup> Century electronic system.

Building on our more than 20 years of commercial and governmental service, Emdeon provides powerful administrative, financial and clinical solutions that connect payers, providers, and patients to improve healthcare processes. From the first patient encounter to the final resolution of payment, Emdeon transforms these processes through the sharing of healthcare information and the automation of everyday tasks. Emdeon's industry-leading healthcare information network connects 155 million patients, 340,000 providers, 60,000 pharmacies, 5,000

hospitals, and 1,200 commercial and government payers. All told, Emdeon processed more than 5.8 billion transactions in the United States in 2010.

This is a critical time for Congress, for healthcare and for the citizens of our nation. So, we strongly support your legislation, the Medicare & Medicaid FAST Act of 2011, and look forward to working with you and your colleagues in curbing fraud, waste and abuse to save taxpayer dollars.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Geo. Lazenby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative initial "G".

George Lazenby  
Chief Executive Officer  
Emdeon