

OIG/Level of Appeal Process

- Draft Report received 10/2/2012.
- EMSA will answer the report within 30 days. (Answered 10/15/2012)
- The IG will then issue the final report, within 30-60 days. (11/15/2012 to 12/15/2012)
- **EMSA has to decide either to refund the \$365,000 or allow it to draw interest.**
- 1st Level of Appeal. While we have 120 days, we will appeal within 40 days from the final report. (12/15/2012 to 01/15/2013)
- 1st Level Appeal Decision. (1/15/2013 to 2/15/2013)
- 2nd Level of Appeal. Within 180 days following determination from 1st Level. We will file within 60 days. (2/15/2013-3/15/2013)
- 2nd Level of Appeal Decision. (3/15/2013 to 4/15/2013)
- 3rd Level of Appeal, QIC Reconsideration (This is a 3rd party vendor for Medicare), will file within 60 days. (4/15/2013 to 5/15/2013)
- QIC Reconsideration Decision. (05/15/2013 to 06/15/2013)
- **If we have not elected to pay the funds back and are only accruing interest, 30 days following the QIC Reconsideration, Medicare will begin to offset the funds.**
- 4th Level of Appeal, ALJ Hearing, must be filed 60 days from the 3rd level decision. (06/15/2013 to 07/15/2013)
- ALJ Hearing findings, 90 days. (07/15/2013 to 08/15/2013)

At any time if appeals are overturned, the payment is returned plus interest back to EMSA.

Note: Most Appeals are not overturned until it at least gets to the 3rd Level, the 1st and 2nd Level is reviewed by the Medicare contractor, and the 3rd Level is an independent review. The contractor never likes to admit they are wrong.