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Dear Dr. Moore:

Inspector General Levinson has asked me to respond to your letter of March 19, 2009. Your letter asks that the Office of Inspector General issue a Special Advisory Bulletin regarding investment by physician owners of ambulatory surgery centers ("ASCs") in separate companies that employ anesthesiology providers to work in the ASC. According to your letter, this permits the physician investors to profit from anesthesia services provided to patients at their ASCs.

OIG periodically develops and issues guidance, including Special Advisory Bulletins, to alert and inform the health care industry about potential problems or areas of special interest. We rely upon the health care industry itself as a source of information about developments that may require additional guidance, and we appreciate your efforts to assist us in this regard. We will take the information you have provided under advisement.

Sincerely,

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