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D.C., THE STATES, AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGREE TO A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR SETTLEMENT AGAINST PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY DAIICHI SANKYO, INC.

Washington, D.C. – Inspector General Lucas announced today the District’s collaboration with participating states and the federal government resulted in an agreement with Daiichi Sankyo to settle allegations that the company violated the False Claims Act by providing kickbacks to physicians prescribing Azor, Benicar, Tribenzor, and Welchol. The settlement will reimburse the federal government, participating states, and the District damages assessed in accordance with the amounts expended for each fiscal year.

As part of the settlement, the District, states, and the federal government will recover \$39 million in civil damages and penalties for Medicaid and other federally-funded health care programs. The District recouped in excess of \$36,000 in Medicaid recovery. Along with the monetary settlement, Daiichi Sankyo agreed to enter into a Corporate Integrity Agreement with the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General to undertake substantial compliance reforms over the next 5 years.

Inspector General Lucas extends thanks to Mr. Marcus A. Weeks, Esq., and Ms. LaShawn Brooks, Auditor, from the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit at the D.C. Office of the Inspector General for representing the agency and the District in this important matter.

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