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MEMORANDUM FOR: JULIA HEARTHWAY  
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SUBJECT: Audit of OWCP's Response to the COVID-19  
Pandemic (Phase 2)  
Project No. 19-P20-016-04-431

Please be advised the Office of Inspector General is initiating an audit of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs' (OWCP) response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Our focus will be on OWCP's implementation of its initial plan to manage COVID-19 related claims in the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA) program. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule a meeting to discuss the following:

Objective: To what extent has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the Division of Federal Employees' Compensation's (DFEC) ability to meet established timeliness and quality performance standards for FECA claims, and has DFEC's response to the pandemic impacted its management of opioid claims?

Scope: OWCP Oversight of FECA claims, Fiscal Year 2019 to current

We plan to begin work immediately after our meeting and would appreciate your notifying appropriate agency officials of our plans. If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Sovich, Audit Manager, at (215) 446-3723 or [sovich.stephen@oig.dol.gov](mailto:sovich.stephen@oig.dol.gov).

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