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GroupOne Services provides Federal Compliance Checks

IRVING, TX – Thanks to GroupOne Services, Inc., hospitals can avoid costly financial penalties. With hospitals prohibited from hiring employees excluded by the government, GroupOne has created a useful economical Federal Compliance Check package that screens employees against sanction lists.

For reasons of misconduct, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and General Services Administration (GSA) can exclude individuals from federal healthcare programs such as Medicare or Medicaid. The OIG and GSA also have the authority to assess financial penalties against hospitals employing or contracting with the excluded parties. To be in compliance, hospitals must check their employees against government sanction lists.

"We can check OIG, GSA and the Office of Foreign Assets Control lists," said Eric Scott, vice president of GroupOne. "We can also check more than 100 federal agencies. This package assists hospitals in combating fraud and abuse while supporting safe and dependable staffs."

The Federal Compliance Check package has a three-pronged attack starting with the **GSA Excluded Parties List System** search, covering more than 100 agencies responsible for compiling lists of parties excluded by the U.S. from receiving federal contracts and financial assistance. The **OIG List of Excluded Individuals/Entities** database, providing information to healthcare about those excluded from participation in Medicare and Medicaid, will also be checked. The package concludes with a check of the **Office of Foreign Assets Control List**, which screens applicants against the government "Terrorist List."

"This package is an opportunity to mitigate risk," said Steve Love, president of GroupOne. "It's useful for hospitals when protecting their assets and provides good overall company governance. Hospitals can purchase this service for current employees and contractors even though the facility may not use GroupOne for background screening."

According to Linda Stimmel, senior partner at Stewart Stimmel, LLP, the package provides legal protections as well.

"Federal compliance checks are extremely important," she said. "With hospitals required to make sure they do not have employees excluded by the government, these federal compliance checks are a great way to remain safe and protected."

For additional information, please contact GroupOne at 972-719-4208.

GroupOne Services, Inc. offers a background screening service developed to provide a safe environment for patients and staff while reducing turnover rate and employment law actions. GroupOne offers its services exclusively for the healthcare industry. Since its origination, GroupOne has expanded its client base from the Dallas-Fort Worth area to nationwide.

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