

SECTION 8**SPECIAL COMMODITY PROCEDURES****SUBJECT:****VENDOR SCREENING FOR HOSPITAL PURCHASES****PROCEDURE #8.15**

Policy: As part of its compliance program, University of Washington Medical Center shall not contract with any individual or entity excluded from participation, or otherwise ineligible to participate in Federal health care programs.

Additionally, if an individual or entity with whom the Medical Center currently contracts becomes excluded from participation in Federal health care programs, the Medical Center shall immediately cease contracting with that excluded individual or entity.

Procedures

The University of Washington Medical Center receives federal funding, including Medicare funding. As an entity receiving Medicare funding, the University of Washington Medical Center is prohibited from doing business with vendors excluded from participation in certain federal programs. This policy is intended to prevent, to the extent possible, the University of Washington from contracting with individuals or entities debarred, suspended or excluded from doing business with recipients of federal funds.

This Policy applies to all vendors, which includes: suppliers, independent contractors, agency contract staff, and Consultants

UW Medical Center Materials Management and UW Procurement Services shall verify that a vendor is not excluded from doing business with the UW Medical Center by accessing the two federal debarment lists:

- a. Office of Inspector General (OIG) for the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (LEIE), excluded under sections 1128 and 1156 of the Social Security Act, available on the HHS website, at: <http://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/>.
- b. Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) list of federally debarred entities is now contained within the System for Award Management (SAM), available at: www.sam.gov.

Should a vendor or contractor appear on either list, the Medical Center shall not contract with that individual or entity until the issues are resolved and it is clear that the individual or entity is not excluded from participation in Federal health care programs.