Policy

As part of its compliance program, University of Washington Medical Center shall not contract with any individual or entity who is excluded from participation, or is 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.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that University of Washington Medical Center does not receive supplies or services from an individual or entity that has a history of engaging in illegal or improper activities. The Policy also seeks to ensure the Medical Center does not enter into illegal or improper contract agreements.

Procedures

1. This Policy applies to the following categories of vendors:
   - Suppliers
   - Independent contractors
   - Agency contract staff
   - Consultants

2. UW Medical Center Materials Management and UW Purchasing shall be responsible for ensuring that the non-excluded status of prospective vendors and contractors is determined through accessing the two federal debarment lists:
   - the OIG List of Excluded Individuals/Entities on the OIG website (www.hhs.gov/oig), and

3. Should a vendor or contractor appear on the OIG List of Excluded Individuals/Entities or the EPLS website, 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.