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Re: HealthTexas Provider Network
Matter No. 021-0154

Dear Mr. Wellington:

The Federal Trade Commission has conducted a nonpublic investigation to determine whether your client, the HealthTexas Provider Network, or any other persons, partnerships, or corporations, had engaged or is engaging in unfair methods of competition in or affecting commerce in violation of Section 5 of the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, as amended, by, among other things, collectively agreeing on, or negotiating for, terms or conditions upon which it would deal with health insurance firms or other third-party payors ("payors") or collectively refusing to deal or threatening to refuse to deal with

Upon further review of this matter, it now appears that no additional action is warranted