

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary Washington, D.C. 20201

To: Heads of Contracting Activities

**Subject:** Class Deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) to Implement an Appropriations Provision Related to Internal Confidentiality Agreements and the Reporting of Fraud Waste, or Abuse

Effective Date: Immediately

Effective immediately, contracting officers shall insert the provision and clause in the attached Civilian Agency Acquisition Council (CAAC) Letter 2015-02 all solicitations and contracts on which Federal funds will be used, including solicitations for the acquisition of commercial items under FAR part 12. In addition, the clause shall be inserted in all existing contracts that do not yet contain the clause when obligating Federal funds via a contract modification. This FAR class deviation implements Section 743 of Division E of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015 (Pub. L. 113-235).

The class deviation will be in effect until these changes are made in the FAR, or until rescinded.

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Attachment