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- UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER - LAFAYETTE
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January 14, 2009

Mr. Steve J. Theriot, CPA
Legislative Auditor
Office of the Legislative Auditor
P.O. Box 94397
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9397

RE: Legislative Audit Finding
Misappropriation of Funds
LSU Health Care Services Division
Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center, Independence LA
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2008


Dear Mr. Theriot:

We concur with the referenced audit finding. Lallie Kemp Regional Medical Center identified the misappropriation of funds in February 2007 and took appropriate action to notify the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and turned over its investigation of the stolen funds to the Tangipahoa Parish District Attorney's Office, and is seeking restitution. LKRMC, in coordination with the LSU System Internal Audit, has developed comprehensive policies and procedures to strengthen controls to prevent future thefts.

The LKRMC Director of Ancillary Services was responsible for the corrective action plan and processes that were put in place to continuously monitor the actions within the pharmacy processing area.

Please contact me should you have additional questions or need further clarifications.

Sincerely,



Michael K. Butler, MD, MHA, CPE, FACPE
Acting Chief Executive Officer