



Question: Why are there different levels of the FACIS® search?

Answer:

- **FACIS Level 1** consists of federal data sources (e.g., OIG, SAM, Tri-Care, DEA, FDA, ORI, PHS, OFAC-SDN).
- **FACIS Level 1M** includes FACIS Level 1 plus all publishing state level Federal Healthcare Entitlement Program (“FHEP”) sources, such as state offices of the Medicaid Inspector General or equivalent, HEAT, and AG Notice and Release sources; it also includes the State Contractor Debarment list. It is now considered the minimal "*best practice*" FACIS search level for compliance due to the "Special Advisory Bulletin on the Effect of Exclusion from Participation in Federal Health Care Programs" of May 8, 2013.
- **FACIS Level 2** includes FACIS Level 1M and the data available from a single (user-defined) state's disciplinary and licensing boards for all published professions.
- **FACIS Level 3** is the most comprehensive option and is considered "the Gold Standard" for sanction screening. In addition to FACIS Level 1M, it includes the data available from all publishing jurisdictions in the US (nationwide) for all publishing disciplinary and licensing boards for all published professions within these jurisdictions.