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TO: Medicaid and Waiver Providers

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RE: CMS Medicaid Integrity Group Provider Audits

Please share this provider bulletin with administrative, clinical, and billing staff.

The Medicaid Integrity Group (MIG) of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) is required to review Medicaid provider actions, audit claims, and identify over payments. CMS has contracted with **Health Integrity, LLC**, to conduct audits of providers enrolled with the Nebraska Medical Assistance Program.

Beginning in January of 2010, **Health Integrity, LLC**, will begin auditing providers. The review will include record requests, entrance and exit conferences, and will be an onsite field audit, a desk audit, a comprehensive audit, or a cost report audit.

When providers enroll with the Nebraska Medical Assistance Program, they agree to maintain records on all services provided and furnish those to the Department, the federal Department of Health and Human Services, and federal or state fraud and abuse units. Providers must cooperate with the audit or action will be taken by the Nebraska Medicaid Program Integrity Unit to recoup identified claims as an overpayment.

The CMS MIG audits apply to any provider or entity that receives Medicaid money. This includes, but is not limited to hospitals, physicians, nursing homes, therapists (speech, physical, mental health, etc.), developmental disability programs, personal assistance, and chore providers. These audits are different from audits performed by Nebraska Medical Assistance Program staff and the CMS Payment Error Rate Measurement (PERM) Audit.

The audits may lead to refund requests, provider sanctions, or referral to law enforcement for Medicaid fraud. Please understand that the State of Nebraska must refund all federal money identified as paid in error.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Harvey by phone at (402)471-1718 or by e-mail at anne.harvey@nebraska.gov.

Additional information

Medicaid Integrity Program – General Information
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