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TO: All Providers Participating in Nebraska Medicaid Program

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RE: Credit Balance Audits

Please share this information with administrative, clinical, and billing staff.

As part of the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Medicaid Integrity Group (CMS-MIG) engaged Audit Medicaid Integrity Contractors (MICs) to audit claims for payment for items or services under the Medicaid State plan and/or any waiver of such plan approved under section 1115 of the Act in accordance with Title XIX of the Social Security Act. The purpose is to identify overpayments to individuals or entities receiving Federal funds. CMS-MIG contracted with Health Integrity, LLC as a MIC contractor to perform the audits.

Health Integrity, LLC conducted the first round of Credit Balance Audits in July 2013 with ten (10) hospitals in Nebraska. The Credit Balance Audits looked at dates of service in 2012 for all ten (10) hospitals to identify situations where the reimbursement for services provided to a Medicaid client exceed the charges billed according to the providers' accounting records. The audits found a total of \$1,318,555.00 of overpayments which have been collected from the providers.

Nebraska Medicaid regulations require providers to review all payments to ensure that no overpayments have been received (see 471 NAC 3-002.08C). Noncompliance with Nebraska Medicaid regulations can be the basis for a sanction or federal and/or state civil or criminal prosecution. The following webpages should be checked regularly for updates and changes. Providers can also subscribe to many of the webpage to receive e-mail alerts when new bulletins or other updates are posted:

- Nebraska Medicaid Provider Bulletins
http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/med_pb_index.aspx
- Nebraska Medicaid Homepage
http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/med_medindex.aspx
- Nebraska Medicaid Rules & Regulations
http://dhhs.ne.gov/medicaid/Pages/med_regs.aspx

Health Integrity, LLC and Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services, Medicaid Long-Term Care will continue to collaborate on a variety of audits, including credit balance audits in the future.

Please direct questions to the Nebraska Medicaid Program Integrity e-mail at DHHS.MedicaidProgramIntegrity@nebraska.gov.