

2014 Billing Integrity Program – Health Care Practitioner Sample of Audit Results

Health Care Practitioner A: Acupuncturist

The audit of Practitioner A, an acupuncturist covered a 21 month period and examined a sample of records of 75 patients representing 1241 claims. The audit found that there were severe deficiencies in the clinical records and that 99.7 percent of the claims were not supported. In addition, on multiple days the practitioner was billing for more than 90 acupuncture services per day.

A settlement was reached with the practitioner who agreed to repay the Medical Services Commission \$450,000. Practitioner A was also permanently de-enrolled from MSP.

Health Care Practitioner B: Podiatrist

The audit of Practitioner B, a podiatrist, who was previously audited, covered a five year period and examined a sample of records of 60 patients representing 881 claims. The audit found that there were 31 services where there were no clinical records to support the claim and a further 7 where the records were present but did not meet the requirement of an adequate clinical record.

A settlement was reached the practitioner who agreed to repay the Medical Services Commission \$30,000. Practitioner B also agreed to abide by a Pattern of Practice Order.

Health Care Practitioner C: Acupuncturist

An audit of Practitioner C, an acupuncturist covered a four year period and examined a sample of records of 91 patients representing 928 claims. The audit found that there were 382 services where a clinical record was not found and a further 494 services where the clinical records existed but were inadequate.

A settlement was reached with the practitioner who agreed to repay the Medical Services Commission \$11,576.08. Practitioner C also agreed to abide by a Pattern of Practice Order.