



Medicaid Program Integrity: Safeguarding Your Medical Identity Using Continuing Medical Education (CME)

Physicians and other providers of Medicaid services are at risk for medical identity theft. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) works to raise awareness among all providers and help them protect their medical identities. This educational tool includes a list of websites and other resources for additional information about medical identity theft.

Please note: The information in this publication only applies to Medicaid programs. However, you may find the information useful even if you do not participate in Medicaid.

CMS

- Healthcare Integrated General Ledger Accounting System (HIGLAS)
<http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Computer-Data-and-Systems/HIGLAS>
- Form CMS-1500 Health Insurance Claim Form
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/Downloads/CMS1500805.pdf>
- CMS Integrated Data Repository (IDR)
<http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Computer-Data-and-Systems/IDR>
- State By State Fraud and Abuse Reporting Contacts
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Fraud-Prevention/FraudAbuseforProfs>

CMS, Center for Program Integrity (CPI)

- “New Strategic Direction and Key Antifraud Activities” (November 3, 2011)
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Fraud-Prevention/MedicaidIntegrityProgram/Downloads/cpiinitiatives.pdf>

- “CMS Provider Victim Validation/Remediation Initiative – Medicare Program Integrity Contractor Points of Contact”
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/MedicareProviderSupEnroll/Downloads/ProviderVictimPOCs.pdf>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS)

- HHS Regional Offices
<http://www.hhs.gov/about/foa/regions>
- Stop Medicare Fraud Summit (April 4, 2012)
<http://www.hhs.gov/secretary/about/speeches/sp20120404.html>
- Regional Health Care Fraud Prevention Summit (August 26, 2010)
<http://www.c-span.org/video/?295201-1/regional-health-care-fraud-prevention-summit>

HHS, Office of Inspector General (OIG)

- “A Medicaid Fraud Victim Speaks Out: What’s Going Wrong and Why?” Testimony of Gary Cantrell, Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Before the U.S. House of Representatives (December 7, 2011)
http://oig.hhs.gov/testimony/docs/2011/cantrell_testimony_12072011.pdf
- Fraud Alert for People With Diabetes
<https://oig.hhs.gov/newsroom/news-releases/2012/alert20120309.asp>

U.S. Department of Justice

- “Attorney General Holder and HHS Secretary Sebelius Host Second Regional Health Care Fraud Prevention Summit in Chicago” press release (April 4, 2012)
<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/departments-justice-and-health-and-human-services-highlight-obama-administration-efforts>
- “United States Recovers \$6 Million in Cash and Property From Troy Laboratories and Owners Who Defrauded Medicare on Laboratory Tests” press release (February 7, 2012)
http://www.justice.gov/usao/mie/news/2012/2012_2_7_troylabs.html
- “Sarasota County Woman Sentenced For Health Care Fraud” press release (January 5, 2012)
http://www.justice.gov/usao/flm/press/2012/jan/20120105_Matchin.html
- “Houston Man Sentenced For Role In Patient Information Trafficking Scheme” press release (February 21, 2012)
<http://www.justice.gov/usao/txe/News/2012/edtx-hcf-eneh-022112.html>

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- “Physician Sentenced to Eight Years in Federal Prison for Role in Massive Medicare Fraud Scam” press release (January 12, 2012)
<http://www.fbi.gov/sacramento/press-releases/2012/physician-sentenced-to-eight-years-in-federal-prison-for-role-in-massive-medicare-fraud-scam>
- “Los Angeles Man Sentenced to 77 Months in Prison for Medicare Fraud Scheme Resulting in More Than \$18.9 Million in Fraudulent Claims to Medicare” press release (February 7, 2012)
<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/los-angeles-man-sentenced-77-months-prison-medicare-fraud-scheme-resulting-more-189-million>
- “Patient Recruiter Pleads Guilty in Health Care Fraud Scheme” press release (January 19, 2012)
<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/patient-recruiter-pleads-guilty-health-care-fraud-scheme>
- “Los Angeles Woman Sentenced to 60 Months in Prison for Her Role in a \$6.2 Million Medicare Fraud Scheme” press release (January 9, 2012)
<http://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/los-angeles-woman-sentenced-60-months-prison-her-role-62-million-medicare-fraud-scheme>

Social Security Act

- Exclusion of Certain Individuals and Entities From Participation in Medicare and State Health Care Programs – Section 1128(b)(6)(B)
http://www.socialsecurity.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title11/1128.htm
- Civil Monetary Penalties – Sections 1128A(7)(a)(1) and (7)(b)(6)(B)
http://www.socialsecurity.gov/OP_Home/ssact/title11/1128A.htm

United States Code (U.S.C.)

- False Claims – Liability for Certain Acts, Definitions – 31 U.S.C. Sections 3729(a) and (b)
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2013-title31/pdf/USCODE-2013-title31-subtitleIII-chap37-subchapIII-sec3729.pdf>
- Claims Against the United States Government – 31 U.S.C. Sections 3729 – 3733
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2013-title31/pdf/USCODE-2013-title31-subtitleIII-chap37-subchapIII.pdf>
- False, Fictitious or Fraudulent Claims – 18 U.S.C. Section 287
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/USCODE-2013-title18/pdf/USCODE-2013-title18-partI-chap15-sec287.pdf>

Federal Register

- Rules and Regulations – 76 Federal Register 5862 (February 2, 2011)
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-02-02/pdf/2011-1686.pdf>
- Notices – 65 Federal Register 59434 – 59435 (October 5, 2000)
<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2000-10-05/pdf/00-25500.pdf>

Federal Trade Commission

- “Consumer Sentinel Network Data Book for January – December 2009” (February 2010)
http://www.ftc.gov/sites/default/files/documents/reports_annual/sentinel-cy-2009/sentinel-cy2009.pdf
- Identity Theft
<http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0014-identity-theft>

Medical and General Articles

- “Physician Medical Identity Theft” by S. Agrawal and P. Budetti in the “Journal of the American Medical Association,” Volume 307, Number 5, Pages 459 – 460 (February 1, 2012)
<http://jama.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1104942>
- Center on Budget and Policy Priorities
<http://www.cbpp.org/cms/?fa=view&id=1258>
- “U.S. cracks down on healthcare fraud” by L. Girion and D. Helfand in the “Los Angeles Times” (August 27, 2010)
<http://articles.latimes.com/2010/aug/27/business/la-fi-healthcare-fraud-20100827>
- “State Health Facts” by the Kaiser Family Foundation
<http://kff.org/state-category/medicaid-chip>
- “Tuckerton man’s resolve helps uncover multimillion-dollar health care fraud” by T. Sherman in the “New Jersey Star-Ledger” (September 13, 2011)
http://www.nj.com/news/index.ssf/2011/09/tuckerton_mans_resolve_helps_u.html
- “As Rx Abuse Rises, A.G. Schneiderman Announces Prison Sentence For Woman Who Forged More Than 250 Painkiller Prescriptions” press release by the New York State Attorney General (February 16, 2012)
<http://www.ag.ny.gov/press-release/rx-abuse-rises-ag-schneiderman-announces-prison-sentence-woman-who-forged-more-250>

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- “Risk of Physician Medical Identity Fraud” by L. Joszt in the “Physician’s Money Digest” (February 1, 2012)
<http://www.physiciansmoneydigest.com/your-practice/Risk-of-Physician-Medical-Identity-Fraud>
- “Third Annual Survey on Medical Identity Theft” by the Ponemon Institute (June 2012)
http://www.ponemon.org/local/upload/file/Third_Annual_Survey_on_Medical_Identity_Theft_FINAL.pdf
- “Safeguarding identity: Tips to stave off a growing problem” by K. Vogt in the “American Medical News” (June 26, 2006)
<http://www.amednews.com/article/20060626/business/306269993/4>
- “Security Check: Reducing Risks to Your Computer Systems” by the Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection (June 2003)
<http://business.ftc.gov/documents/bus58-security-check-reducing-risks-your-computer-systems>
- Tamper Resistant Prescriptions
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare-Medicaid-Coordination/Fraud-Prevention/FraudAbuseforProfs/TRP.html>
- “Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Toolkit” by the American Medical Association
<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/advocacy/topics/administrative-simplification-initiatives/electronic-transactions-toolkit/eft-toolkit.page>
- “Social Engineering: The Basics” by J. Goodchild in the “CSO” (Updated February 2012)
<http://www.csoonline.com/article/514063/social-engineering-the-basics>

Resources

- For additional information and educational materials related to provider compliance, visit <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/ProviderCompliance.html> on the CMS website, or scan the Quick Response (QR) code on the right with your mobile device.
- To download additional Medicare Learning Network® (MLN) products designed to educate Medicare and Medicaid providers about medical identity, refer to <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/Downloads/SafeMed-ID-Products.pdf> on the CMS website. These products include a web-based training course titled “Safeguarding Your Medical Identity,” which is approved for Continuing Education (CE) credit. Please note, you must register and complete a post-assessment test and evaluation to receive Continuing Education Units (CEUs) or Continuing Medical Education (CME) credit for this course. To register for this course, go to the MLN Web-Based Training (WBT) web page at <http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/WebBasedTraining.html> on the CMS website.





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