

## **OIG What's New – October 2022 Highlights:**

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### **NEW DOCUMENTS AND TESTIMONY:**

- ❖ Updated: Work Plan

### **CENTERS FOR MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES (CMS)**

#### **Medicare Part A and B**

- ❖ CMS Can Use OIG Audit Reports To Improve Its Oversight of Hospital Compliance A-04-21-08084
- ❖ Payments Made to Providers Under the COVID-19 Accelerated and Advance Payments Program Were Generally in Compliance with the CARES Act and Other Federal Requirements A-05-20-00053

#### **Medicare Part C and D**

- ❖ CMS Generally Ensured That Medicare Part C and Part D Sponsors Did Not Pay Ineligible Providers for Services to Medicare Beneficiaries A-02-20-01027
- ❖ Medicare Advantage Compliance Audit of Specific Diagnosis Codes That HumanaChoice (Contract R5826) Submitted to CMS A-05-19-00039
- ❖ Medicare Advantage Compliance Audit of Specific Diagnosis Codes That Highmark Senior Health Company (Contract H3916) Submitted to CMS A-03-19-00001

#### **Medicaid Program**

- ❖ Mississippi Did Not Always Invoice Rebates to Manufacturers for Physician-Administered Drugs A-07-21-06101
- ❖ California Made Almost \$16 Million in Unallowable Capitation Payments for Beneficiaries With Multiple Client Index Numbers A-04-21-07097
- ❖ Colorado Did Not Report and Refund the Correct Federal Share of Medicaid-Related Overpayments for 70 Percent of the State's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit Cases A-07-21-02834
- ❖ Texas Claimed or May Have Claimed More Than \$30 Million of \$9.89 Billion in Federal Funds for Medicaid Uncompensated Care Payments That Did Not Meet Federal and State Requirements

#### **Advisory Opinions**

- Advisory Opinion 22-19 (Regarding a proposal whereby certain pharmaceutical manufacturers would: (i) fund, through Requestor, cost-sharing subsidies for the manufacturers' Part D oncology drugs; (ii) fund, through Requestor, specified programs and eligible beneficiaries' health insurance premiums; and (iii) finance Requestor's operating costs.)

#### **Investigative Activities**

- Home Health Agencies Used Multiple Strategies To Respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Although Some Challenges Persist OEI-01-21-00110
- UPICs Hold Promise To Enhance Program Integrity Across Medicare and Medicaid, But Challenges Remain OEI-03-20-00330

### **PUBLIC HEALTH REVIEWS**

#### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

- ❖ CDC's Corrective Actions Improved Program Operations at the National Institute of Health in Mozambique and Facilitated the Institute's Implementation of Prior OIG Audit Recommendations A-04-20-01019

## **General Departmental**

- ❖ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Met the Requirements of the Digital Accountability and Transparency Act of 2014, With Areas That Require Improvement

## **Indian Health Service**

- ❖ IHS Did Not Always Provide the Necessary Resources and Assistance To Help Ensure That Tribal Programs Complied With All Requirements During Early COVID-19 Vaccination Program Administration A-07-21-04125

## **EXCLUSIONS FROM PROGRAM PARTICIPATION**

- ❖ LEIE Database Updated with September 2022 Exclusions and Reinstatements
  - 09-2022 Exclusions (CSV)
  - 09-2022 Reinstatements (CSV)

## **CORPORATE INTEGRITY AGREEMENTS**

- ❖ Updated: Corporate Integrity Agreements
- ❖ Updated: Fraud Risk Indicator

## **CIA REPORTABLE EVENTS**

None

## **CIVIL MONETARY PENALTIES AND AFFIRMATIVE EXCLUSIONS**

None

## **COVID-19**

- ❖ Attorney General Alan Wilson announces Pendleton man sentenced to prison for using fake COVID test result to obstruct justice  
October 13, 2022
- ❖ Lowell Adult Day Health Provider Resolves Allegations of Overbilling MassHealth for COVID-19 Payments  
October 3, 2022

## **CRIMINAL AND CIVIL ACTIONS**

- ❖ Home Health Manager Sent To Prison For \$21M Medicare Fraud Scheme  
October 31, 2022
- ❖ Texarkana Physician Found Guilty Of Prescribing A Controlled Substance Without A Legitimate Medical Purpose  
October 29, 2022
- ❖ Columbus Pain Medicine Practice Agrees To Pay \$1 Million To Resolve Violations Under The Controlled Substances Act, False Claims Act  
October 27, 2022
- ❖ Office Manager For Chicago Medical Practice Sentenced To A Year In Federal Prison For Fraudulently Writing Opioid Prescriptions  
October 27, 2022

- ❖ Lavaca Man Pleads Guilty To Conspiracy To Commit Health Care Fraud And Money Laundering  
October 27, 2022
- ❖ Oswego Hospital Agrees To Pay \$98,694.36 For Improper Medicare And Medicaid Billing  
October 26, 2022
- ❖ Criminal Division Announces First Arrest And Charges By The New England Prescription Opioid Strike Force  
October 26, 2022
- ❖ Owner Of Toledo Area Medical Transportation Service Found Guilty Of Healthcare Fraud  
October 25, 2022
- ❖ Doctor Pleads Guilty To Role In \$54 Million Medicare Fraud Scheme  
October 25, 2022
- ❖ Former Raleigh Investment Advisor Found Guilty In Healthcare Fraud That Targeted The Elderly And Disabled  
October 24, 2022
- ❖ Central New York Doctor Settles Improper Billing And Controlled Substance Act Claims  
October 24, 2022
- ❖ Florida Man Pleads Guilty For His Role In International Health Care Fraud Scheme  
October 21, 2022
- ❖ Psychologist Convicted Of Health Care Fraud Scheme  
October 21, 2022
- ❖ Nurse Practitioner Admits To Perpetrating \$4.37 Million Health Care Fraud Scheme; Will Forfeit The Profits Of His Fraud  
October 20, 2022
- ❖ Doctor Pays \$720,000 And Agrees To 15 Year Exclusion From Federal Health Care Programs For Violating The False Claims Act  
October 20, 2022
- ❖ Doctor Sentenced for Accepting Illegal Kickback Payment in Return for Writing Prescriptions for Compounded Drugs  
October 19, 2022
- ❖ Oklahoma City Home Health Company And Two Former Corporate Officers Agree To Pay \$22.9 Million To Settle Federal False Claims Act And Kickback Allegations Arising From Improper Payments To Referring Physicians  
October 18, 2022
- ❖ Carter Healthcare Affiliates And Two Senior Managers To Pay \$7.175 Million To Resolve False Claims Act Allegations For False Florida Home Health Billings  
October 18, 2022
- ❖ Sutter Health Agrees To Pay \$13 Million To Settle False Claims Act Allegations Of Improper Billing For Lab Tests  
October 17, 2022
- ❖ United States Files Civil Fraud Lawsuit Against Cigna For Artificially Inflating Its Medicare Advantage Payments  
October 17, 2022

- ❖ Pharmacist Convicted For Health Care Fraud And Black-Market Prescription Drug Diversion Scheme  
October 17, 2022
- ❖ Eight Defendants, Including A Brooklyn Medical Doctor, And Three Pharmacists, Charged With Illegally Distributing More Than 1.2 Million Oxycodone Pills  
October 12, 2022
- ❖ DermaTran And Three Other Pharmacies Pay Over \$6.8 Million To Settle Civil Claims  
October 12, 2022
- ❖ Durable Medical Equipment Company Owner Sentenced for Health Care Fraud  
October 12, 2022
- ❖ New Orleans Woman Pleads Guilty To Health Care Fraud  
October 11, 2022
- ❖ Kennewick Man Pleads Guilty To Conspiracy To Obstruct An Official Proceeding, Lying To The FBI, And For His Role In A Staged Accident Scheme  
October 11, 2022
- ❖ Foreign Medical Student Found Guilty In Home Health Fraud Scheme  
October 7, 2022
- ❖ Pediatric Dentist and Affiliated Practices to Pay Over \$750,000 to Resolve False Claims Act Allegations  
October 6, 2022
- ❖ Jackson Man Sentenced to 30 Months, Ordered to Repay \$7.5 million For Health Care Fraud Scheme  
October 6, 2022
- ❖ Red Springs Pharmacy Owner Pleads Guilty in Healthcare Fraud Scheme  
October 6, 2022
- ❖ Jacksonville Health Care Provider Physicians Group Services Agrees To Pay \$700,000 To Resolve Civil Healthcare Fraud Allegations  
October 5, 2022
- ❖ Owner Of Northeast Philadelphia Pharmacy Sentenced To 3 ½ Years For Conspiracy To Distribute Oxycodone And Fraud  
October 4, 2022
- ❖ Former Certified Nurse Practitioner Pleads Guilty To Drug Diversion And Health Care Fraud  
October 4, 2022
- ❖ Florida Medical Practice Agrees To Pay \$130,000 To Resolve Allegations That It Received Kickbacks From Pharmaceutical Distributor  
October 3, 2022

### **FRAUD SELF-DISCLOSURES**

None

### **STATE ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**

- ❖ Attorney General Alan Wilson Announces Upstate Woman Charged With Practicing Medicine Without A License  
October 27, 2022
- ❖ Memphis Man Arrested, Charged With TennCare Fraud  
October 26, 2022

- ❖ AG Healey's Medicaid Fraud Division Recovers More Than \$71 Million In Federal Fiscal Year 2022  
October 24, 2022
- ❖ Attorney General James Announces Settlement In Medicaid Fraud Investigation Of Central New York Doctor  
October 24, 2022
- ❖ Oshkosh Man Convicted Of Elder Abuse After Alleged Theft Of \$426,000 From Elderly Victim  
October 21, 2022
- ❖ Attorney General Alan Wilson announces Pendleton man sentenced to prison for using fake COVID test result to obstruct justice  
October 13, 2022
- ❖ AG WRIGLEY ANNOUNCES GUILTY VERDICT IN CASE PROSECUTED BY MEDICAID FRAUD CONTROL UNIT  
October 11, 2022
- ❖ Broken Arrow Woman Sentenced to Prison for Elder Exploitation  
October 11, 2022
- ❖ Attorney General Josh Stein's Medicaid Investigations Division Surpasses \$1 Billion in Recoveries  
October 10, 2022
- ❖ AG Healey Secures \$430,000 From Springfield Home Health Agency To Resolve Fraudulent Billing Allegations  
October 5, 2022
- ❖ Lowell Adult Day Health Provider Resolves Allegations of Overbilling MassHealth for COVID-19 Payments  
October 3, 2022
- ❖ Attorney General Josh Stein Reaches \$3.6 Million Medicaid Settlement with Radeas  
October 3, 2022

**STIPULATED PENALTIES AND MATERIAL BREACHES**

None.