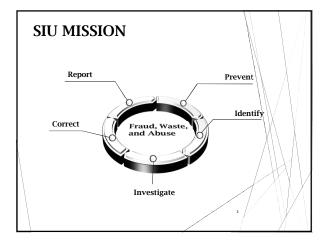




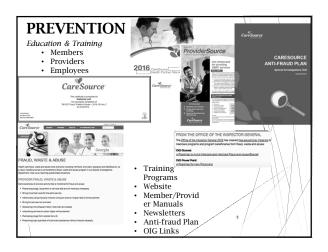
- ► SIU Mission
 - FWA Prevention
 - FWA Identification
 - FWA Investigation
 - Correction
 - Reporting
- ► Program Integrity/Compliance

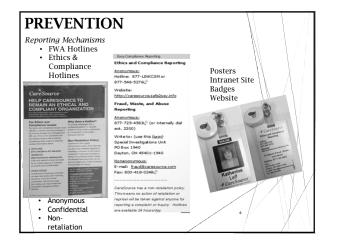


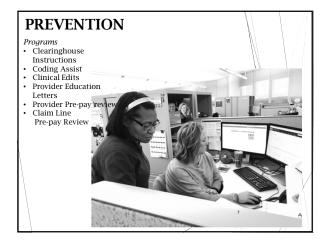














Clinical Edits

- Clinical editing rules
 - ▶ Rebundle
 - ▶ Duplicates
 - ▶ Modifiers
 - ► Mutually Exclusive
 - ▶ Invalid Coding
- ► Edits customized per line of business

Clearinghouse

- ▶ Duplicates
- Patient sex and surgical procedure do not match

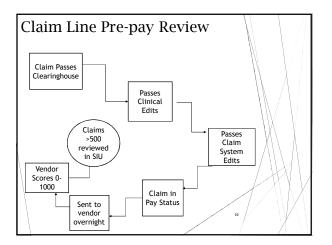
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► Member mismatch

Coding Assist

- Peer Comparison base line
 Send claim back to provider in clearinghouse with notification of aberrancy
 Follow with letter to provider
 Certified coder calls provider
 Monitor for billing behavior change



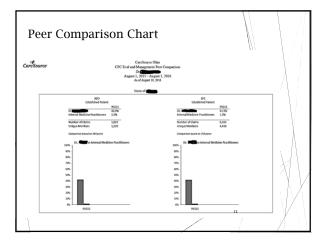


Provider Education Letter To whom it may concern: As part of our ongoing process to identify fraud, waste, and abuse in the healthcare system, CareSource may periodically conduct an audit of medical claims data. During a recent review of medical claims data, a pattern of unbundling ophthalmic exams and refractive services was noted. CareSource policy, which follows CMS guidelines, states that when the refractive service (2015) is performed during a routine eye exam (e.g., CPT codes 92002, 92014, 92014); the refraction is considered part of the exam and is not separately reimbursable.

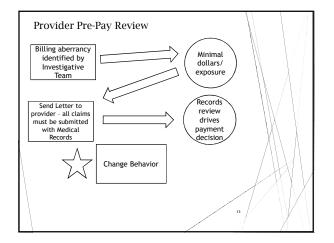
Please reference CareSource Network Notification dated October 28, 2011 regarding the CareSource refraction policy. For your convenience, the notification is included with this letter.

This letter is being sent for educational purposes in the hopes that the areas of concern highlighted will be addressed by your practice.

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PROVIDER PREPAY NOTIFICATION LETTER [DATE]

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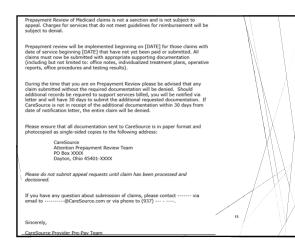
[PROVIDER GROUP NAME] [PROVIDER NAME] [ADDREESS] [CITY, STATE, ZIP]

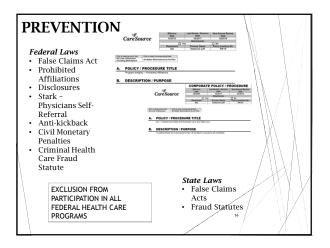
Dear Provider,

Please be advised that CareSource has implemented Prepayment Review of your Medicaid claims.

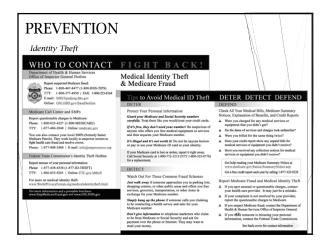
CareSource is mandated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to have an effective surveillance and utilization program that safeguards against unncessary and inappropriate use of Medicaid services and overpayment of services. In addition, in an effort to safeguard the Medicaid program, your state office for Program Integrity requires a continuum of activities to be carried out, including pre-payment review.

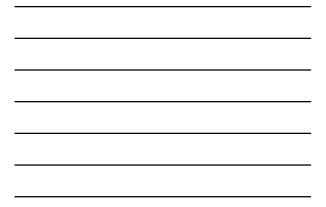
Our team will be evaluating various sources of information for risk related practices. Prepayment reviews look for overutilization of services or other practices that, directly or indirectly, ray and relation of the services of the service services that should not or were not provided based upon documentation in the medical record to support services billed, billing for items or services that should not or were not provided based upon documentation in the medical record. These audits can also confirm appropriate utilization of cost effective supplies and substantiating documentation to support services provided to the member. Based upon the finding of our evaluation, you have been selected for a comprehensive medical review.

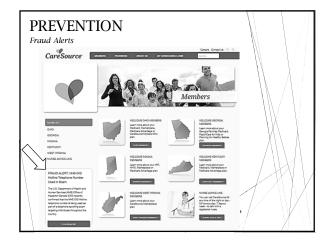




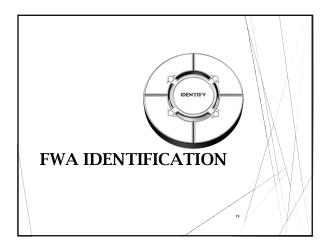




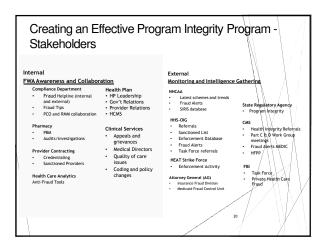








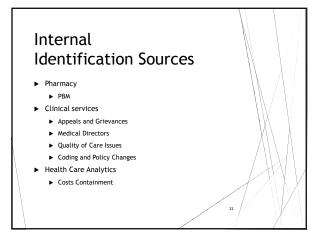




Internal Identification Sources

► Compliance

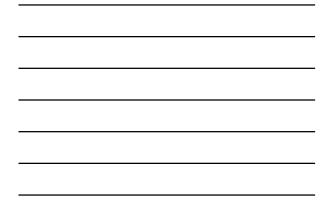
- ► Fraud Hot Line Internal and External
- Associate FWA Training
- Provider Contracting
 - Credentialing
 - Sanctioned Providers
- Health Plan
 - Government Relations
 - Provider Relations
 - ► Health Care Management Services

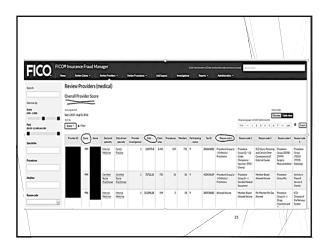


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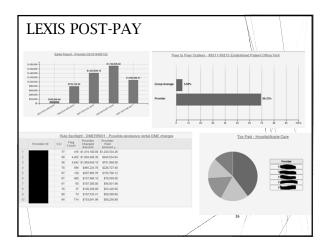
- Special Investigations Unit
 Anti-Fraud Tools
 - ► Post-payment Review
 - ▶ Pre-payment Review



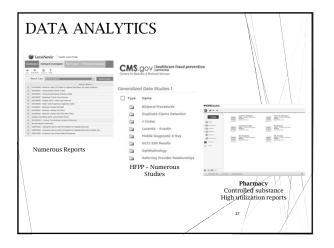




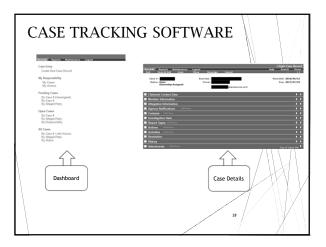














External Identification Resources

- ► NHCAA
 - ► Latest Schemes and Trends
 - ► SIRIS Database
 - ► Training Opportunities
- Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General

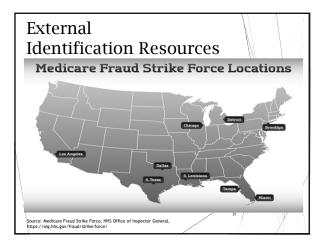
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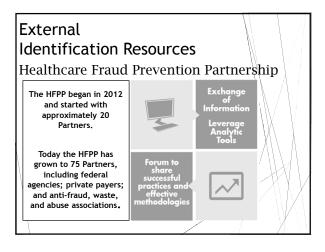
- ► Sanctioned List
- ▶ Fraud Alerts
- ► Task Force Referrals

External Identification Resources

- ► State Regulatory Agencies
 - Program Integrity Unit
 - ► Insurance Fraud Division
 - ► Medicaid Fraud Control Unit
- ► CMS
 - ► MEDIC Fraud Alerts
 - ▶ Part C & D Work Group Meetings
- ► FBI
 - ► Task Force Meetings



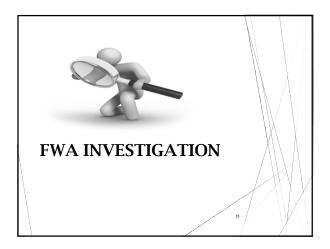


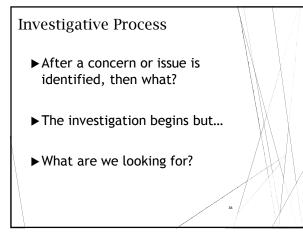






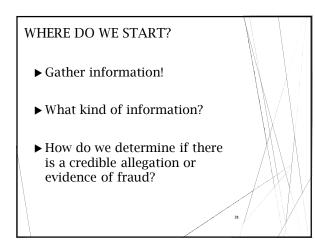












DEFINITION:CREDIBILITY Merriam Webster Dictionary

1: the quality or power of inspiring belief

2: capacity for belief

3: the quality of being believed or accepted as true, real, or honest

CREDIBLE EVIDENCE The legal definition

Credible evidence is not evidence which is necessarily true, but is evidence worthy of belief, that is, worthy to be considered by the jury. It is often natural, reasonable and probable as to make it easy to believe.

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GATHER PRELIMINARY INFORMATION (1)

- ► What does that look like?
- ► Who is involved? Provider/member/vendor.
- What is the specific issue or allegation fraud or abuse?
- What is available that makes you think there is a concern?

GATHER PRELIMINARY INFORMATION (2)

- ► How much exposure does the Plan have?
- How urgent the situation is? Is there potential member harm?
- Based upon these answers, you may proceed in various ways.

DO YOU HAVE CREDIBLE EVIDENCE TO PROCEED? • NO. What actions do you take now? • YES. Proceed with a Comprehensive Investigation.

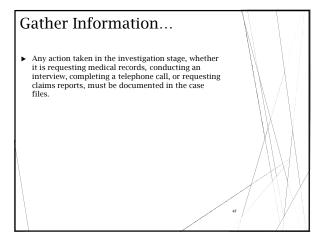
GATHER COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION

- ► Review the provider / member/vendor files
- Pull 3 to 6 years of comprehensive paid and denied claims
- Research the medical necessity, CPT code and the regulation
- Determine if other providers / members are involved
- Interview the person submitting the allegation if possible

GATHER COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION • Obtain medical records for analyzing • Perform a service verification call • Possible surveillance & onsite visit • Prior internal complaints or external complaints documented from state of federal agencies, • Online sources such as the internet, Facebook, LinkedIn, etc., •

Gather Information...

- This investigative stage may also include: interviewing relevant parties such as the provider or member, obtaining signed statements from witnesses or the subject of the investigation, and reviewing a sampling of claims data.
- Review internal systems to assure it has been configured correctly (really a preventative step).



Is There Credible Evidence to Proceed?

- ► NO. What actions do you take now? Let it go...
- ▶ YES. Proceed with an evaluation of the facts.

EVALUATING the **INFORMATION**

- ► What conclusions may you draw from the information and whether we have a potential FWA case or not?
- Some questions to consider: What does the information and data tell us?
 - Is there reasonable explanation for the situation or behavior that was suspected as fraudulent or abusive?
 - Would this medical treatment for this diagnosis be consistent with acceptable medical practices?

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- Do you have a statement from an independent clinician to state a contrary position?
- · What is the provider's explanation?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER...

- Do we have any admission of guilt by the member or provider?
- Do we have signed statements from relevant parties, i.e., from a member, to state that the member never received the service billed?
- ► Is this information reliable?

- Is this information reliable?
 Do other factors come into play, e.g., has the member ever been diagnosed with dementia?
 Does the claim data support the allegation of inappropriate billing?
 Do you have enough information to make a decision? If so, what is the decision and what are your next steps? If not, what other information would be helpful to make a decision? Is the information available?

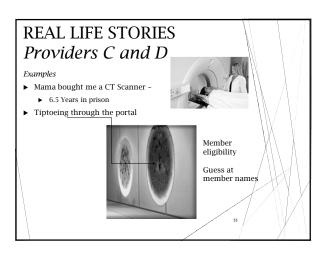
REAL LIFE STORIES *Provider A*

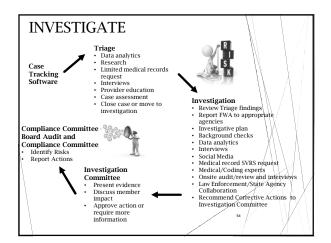
- Optical
- ▶ Exposure: \$ 250,000
- Scheme: unlawfully used various providers NPI / EIN to ۲ scheme: unlawfully used various providers Nr17 En to create contracts with various MCO's in NYC and they also used the provider's information to open bank accounts / furnish the office with the best equipment available. With the help of a billing agency they managed to obtain member information to falsify medical records (cloting a bilding on uncon uncon uncolor). / claims. In this case, we were unable to directly recovery the funds as the provider was indicted.
- ► Civil law suit.

REAL LIFE STORIES *Provider B*

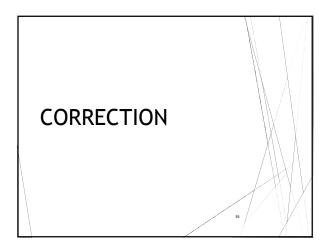
Pain Management

- ► Exposure: Significant Member Harm
- Scheme: Provider refused to bill health plan, required members to pay \$150 or \$200 cash per "office visit." The only service was to write a RX for controlled substances (suboxone, methodone). An E/M visit for substance use is a Medicaid covered service; member billing is prohibited.
- ► Initial overpayment recovery is to make the members whole.
- This case is still open pending responses from NY Office of Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) and NY Office of Professional Medical Conduct (OPMC), Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

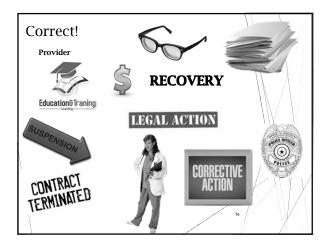










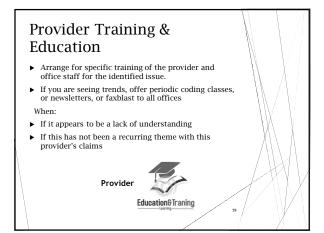


Correct for whom?

- ▶ Plan Do we help or hurt?
- Providers Primary Concentration
- ► Members What are State or Federal guidance?
- ► Employees Collaboration with HR
- ► Vendors Collaboration with Contracting / Other Operational Areas

Plan Issues

- ► Is your claims processing system configuration appropriate?
- ► What has the Plan done to contribute to potential issues?



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Provider on Review

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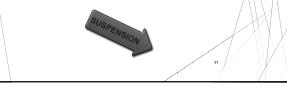
- ► Require authorizations for all services in question, or
- ▶ Review claims prior to the release, or
- ► Request medical records for all cases.
- When:
- The issue keeps appearing and perhaps training and education did not make a difference.

Provider Limitations

- ► Close Providers Panel to New Membership
- ► Limit availability of Provider to members.

When:

- ► You are working with provider to resolve issues.
- You feel it is somewhere between errors and perhaps abusive practices.





Consider: What claims will be processed, paid, and denied going forward? What action is needed to address past claims. Actions will vary.

- ► Request a refund on claims/issues in question
- Withhold the payment of future claims to recover overpayments
- Negotiate a settlement amount

When:

You reach a conclusion that the claims were paid incorrectly and/or should not be paid going forward.



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Provider Auditing

"Auditing is a formal, systematic and disciplined approach designed to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of processes and related controls. Auditing is governed by professional standards, completed by individuals independent of the process being audited, and normally performed by individuals with one of several acknowledged certifications. Objectivity in governance reporting is the benefit of independence."

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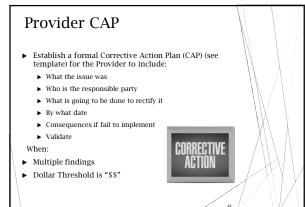
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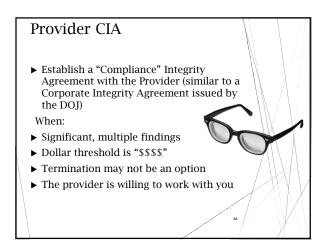
"Monitoring is an on-going process usually directed by management to ensure processes are working as intended. Monitoring is an effective detective control within a process."

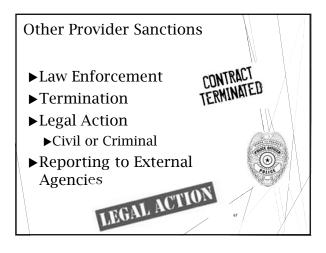
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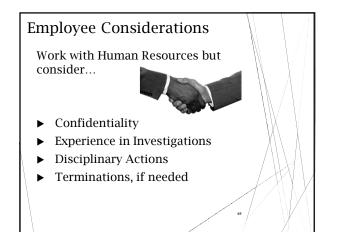






When:

- ▶ Provider is not willing to work with you.
- ► You have run out of other options.



Member Considerations

Is it the Health Plan's obligation to investigate and take corrective action against members?

- ► No!
- ► Prepare Documentation
- Distribute to State or Federal Regulatory Agencies
- Share with Commercial Insurance Policyholders



Vendor Considerations

Who is managing vendors / FDRs?

- ► Contractual obligations
- ► Validation Processes
- ► Variance Reports
- ▶ Oversight at an Enterprise Level



