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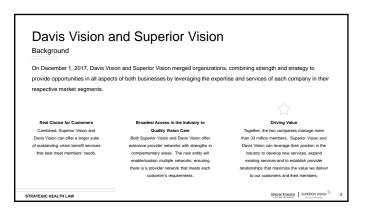
From the First Tier or Downstream Entity's Perspective

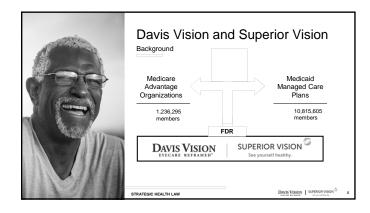
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Plan Oversight of First Tier, Downstream, and Related Entities (FDRs) CMS Requires Plan Oversight

"The sponsor maintains the ultimate responsibility for fulfilling the terms and conditions of its contract with CMS, and for meeting the Medicare program requirements." *Therefore, CMS may hold the sponsor accountable for the failure of its FDRs to comply with Medicare program requirements.*" CMS Managed Care Manual, Chapters 21, Sec. 40 (emphasis added)

How do Plans provide oversight?

- Desk and in-person audits
- Required reporting
- Data review
- Application of Corrective Action Plans (CAPs)

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Plan Oversight of FDRs

FDR Best Practices

- Audit Preparation is Critical
 - Internal/mock audits to reduce surprises and correct findings proactively
 Clear processes for ODAG tables and delivery of audit materials to increase accuracy and timeliness
- Focus on Audit Presentation
 - Knowledgeable and credible subject matter experts Strong presentation skills
- Transparency is Necessary
 - Health plans should not be surprised by any findings

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Plan Oversight of FDRs FDR Best Practices

- CAP issuance should be addressed in the contract between the health plan and the FDR. Items to address in the contract include:
 - When a CAP may be issued (e.g., violation of law/regulation; non-compliance with business SLAs, etc.)
 - Requirements for removal of CAP (e.g., compliant performance for 3 consecutive months) · Health plan review and approval of remediation plan
 - · Response times for both parties

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Compliance Program CMS Requirements for FDRs

- CMS does <u>not</u> require FDRs to implement a compliance plan
- CMS requires (through the Plan) that FDRs: Issue a Code of Conduct and related compliance policies
 - Perform OIG and SAM exclusion scre
 - · Report FWA to plan sponsor
 - Oversee downstream FDRs
 - Conduct training*

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*discussed in more detail at slide 11



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Compliance Program

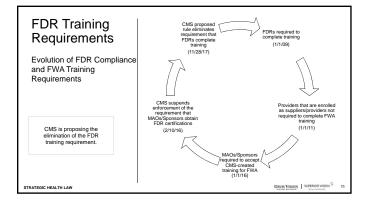
Plan Expectations of FDR Compliance Program

Plan often require that FDRs adopt and implement a compliance plan that meets the following 7 elements:

- 1.Written Policies, Procedures, and Standards of Conduct;
- Compliance Officer, Compliance Committee, and High Level Oversight;
 Effective Training and Education;
- Effective Lines of Communication;
- 5. Well Publicized Disciplinary Standards;
- 6. Effective System for Routine Monitoring, Auditing, and Identification of Compliance Risks; and
- 7. Procedures and System for Prompt Response to Compliance Issues.

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Compliance Program

FDR Compliance Plan Best Practices

- Consider FDR subject to same requirements as plans
- Adopt and implement a compliance plan that meets the 7 elements
- Regularly evaluate the compliance plan against the CMS Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Compliance Program Effectiveness Self-Assessment Questionnaire (available at https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Compliance-and-Audits/Part-C-and-Part-D-Compliance-and-Audits/ProgramAudits.html)
- · Conduct an annual compliance program effectiveness audit
- Focus on training continue FWA and General Compliance training

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Compliance and Business-Friendly FDR Contracting Strategies

Taking the Lead as the FDR

- · Communicate to senior leadership the value of consistency across customer contracts
 - · More efficient to negotiate and administer
 - · Less likely to breach or fail to meet customer expectations
- Develop standard contract template, Service Level Agreements (SLAs), and Reporting Schedule
 - · Could offer preferred pricing for use of FDR template, allowing for some modifications · Adjust price for custom SLAs, Reporting, or non-standard processes
- Appropriate role of lawyers = reviewing and drafting legal terms
 - · Business leads should design processes, SLAs, and Reporting Schedules with legal input

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Incorporate Compliance and Contracting Strategy into Sales and Marketing

Tout Your Organization's Efficient and Compliance-Focused Approach

- · Custom contract negotiations are expensive for customers and FDRs
- Showcase your Compliance Program and aligned Template Contract in sales process
 - Market your SLAs and Reporting Schedule
 - Provide overview of Compliance Program, including how you keep up with regulatory and guidance changes
 - Describe audit support and knowledge of CMS protocols
 - Describe strategy of preparing a balanced and thorough contract template
 - Create a schedule for contracting and lead the process
- Develop pre-approved fallback language for efficient contract negotiations

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Contract Template Strategy

Reasonable and Balanced

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The more balanced and customer-friendly an FDR's template agreement is, the more often it will be used.

Using what a customer's lawyer prepares will be worse for FDR, on many levels.

- · Be clear on the WHAT; push back on the HOW
- Comprehensive definition of Applicable Law
- SLAs reflecting critical compliance metrics
- Detailed reporting schedule · Monitoring and Audit
 - · Make it easy for them to do their job Insert detail on reporting, communications, and process for customer audits

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Protecting Your Organization as an FDR in Customer Contracts Regulatory Requirements and Beyond

MEDICARE ADVANTAGE OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS Required Provisions Acts or omissions, conduct, The WHAT - Services, Provisions needed to ensure breach of contract, negligence, Compliance, SLAs gross negligence? compliance The HOW - Reference policies available for review and audit MEDICAID MANAGED COMPLIANCE COMMUNICATIONS ✓ LIMITATION OF LIABILITY Federal Requirements Propose a schedule of Specify caps in agreement communications built around your client relationship State-Specific Requirements Could adjust fees for increases Needed to ensure compliance in cap management process DAVIS VISION SUPERIOR STRATEGIC HEALTH LAW

Defining the "What" - Applicable Law To the Extent Applicable to FDR Services		
Statutes • Medicare Advantage • Part D • Medicaid • Anti-Kickback • False Claims Act • HIPAA	Regulations • Medicare Advantage • Part D • Medicare Secondary Payer • Medicaid MCO • State-specific Medicaid • HIPAA	Guidance • Medicare Managed Care Manual • Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Manual • MCO Manual • HPMS memos • State Medicaid Guidance

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Key Contract Flow-Down Conversations

- 1. Government access to records and facilities
- 2. Revocation by plan customer
- 3. Delegated activities and reporting

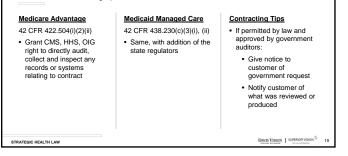
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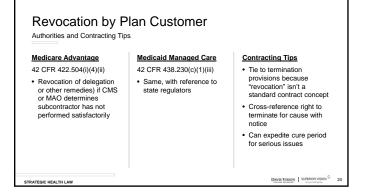
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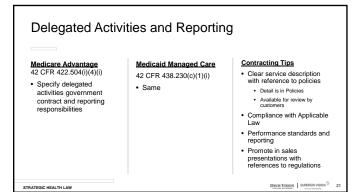
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Government Access to Records and Facilities Authorities and Contracting Tips







Key Takeaways for FDRs

- Be prepared to support successful customer and regulator audits
- Develop your own CAP process and include in customer contracts
 Proactively develop a strong Compliance Program and promote it to customers
- Anticipate customer needs and build a balanced, thorough template contract that customers will be able to accept

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