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Medicaid Integrity Contractor (MIC) Audits

The Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA) created the Medicaid Integrity Program (MIP) and directed the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to enter into contracts with firms to review Medicaid provider services, audit claims, identify overpayments and educate providers and others on Medicaid program integrity issues. This contractor is known as the Medicaid Integrity Contractor (MIC).

In Pennsylvania, CMS has contracted with Health Integrity (HI) in September 2009 to conduct the MIC audits for Medicaid. The following information summarizes facts about the MIC audits:

- Audits may be conducted on any provider enrolled in the Medical Assistance (MA) Program.
- The selection of providers to be audited will be determined through the use of algorithms selected by CMS.
- The provider will receive requests for information which may include owner names, business practices, licenses, fiscal and medical record documentation, as well as any other information necessary to complete the review.
- Onsite visits may be conducted by HI as part of the review process.
- HI will notify the provider of their preliminary findings and the provider will be given an opportunity to respond to those findings. Both CMS and the Pennsylvania MA Program, Bureau of Program Integrity (BPI) will have an opportunity to review and respond to the findings as well.
- At the point that the audit is complete, BPI will be notified which claims have been determined to be in violation with state regulations or policy.
- BPI will send a letter to the provider requesting that restitution be made by the provider for the claims identified.
- As part of the process, the provider will have the right to file an appeal with the Bureau of Hearings and Appeals in accordance with 55 Pa. Code §1101.84.

For more information, please click on:

<http://www.dhs.pa.gov/provider/healthcaremedicalassistance/mafraudandabusehealthcarecompliancewebsites>

For Health Integrity contact information, please visit: www.healthintegrity.org

For additional information, go to the **PROMISE™** Web site at <http://promise.dpw.state.pa.us>.

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Check the Department of Human Services website often at: www.dhs.pa.gov

