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Center for Program Integrity

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To: All Medicare Advantage Organizations and Part D Plan Sponsors

From: Mark Majestic
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Re: Medicare Parts C & D Fraud Alert: Payment Suspension for Billing for Medically Unnecessary Services and Kickback Payments

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) was notified by the Office of Investigations, Office of Inspector General (HHS-OIG) of allegations that twelve (12) different providers are engaged in schemes to defraud the Medicare Parts C and D programs. We are alerting you to this information so that you can take the appropriate actions regarding these providers and the Part C and D benefits you offer. These actions should be focused on the appropriate detection and identification of fraud, waste and abuse as required under the Part C and D programs.

The pharmacies and providers listed are alleged to be engaged in schemes to defraud healthcare programs. The subjects' NPI numbers and locations are listed below.

We recommend that you take immediate action to review the allegations below and determine whether you have been impacted by one or more of the alleged fraud schemes.

Provider	Address	NPI Number	Alleged Scheme
Kiara Discount Pharmacy, Corp	9620 SW 72 nd Street, Miami, FL 33173	1982918512	It is believed that Kiara Discount Pharmacy, Corp submitted fraudulent claims for payment to the Medicare prescription drug plan sponsors, through their Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) from July 2011 through December 2013. Through an invoice review it was determined that Kiara did not purchase enough drugs to support the amount paid by the Medicare Plan Sponsors.
AB Pharmacy Inc.	1956 West Flagler Street Miami, FL 33135	1225064710	It is believed that AB submitted fraudulent claims for payment to the Medicare prescription drug plan sponsors, through their Pharmacy

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			Benefit Managers (PBMs) from April 11, 2011 through in or around October 31, 2013 in the amount of \$4,249,153.08.
Ronald Kahn, MDPA	1200 Briarcrest Dr Ste 4003 Bryan TX 77802-5222	1336246487	Dr. Kahn is under indictment for billing fraudulent claims to Medicare.
Melanie Mencer-Parks, MD	1213 Hermann Dr Ste 550 Houston TX 77004-7018	1528093184	Dr. Mencer-Perks is under indictment for billing fraudulent claims to Medicare.
Edwidge Jacinthe, MD	2450 Louisiana St Suite 400-322 Houston TX 77006-2380	1093837445	Dr. Jacinthe is under indictment for billing fraudulent claims to Medicare.
Mario Bertoni, MD	6550 Mapleridge St Ste 216 Houston TX 77081-4648	1447264437	Dr. Bertoni is under indictment for billing fraudulent claims to Medicare.
Rangda Mehta, MD	8323 Southwest Fwy Suite 561 Houston TX 77074	1124133541	Dr. Mehta is under indictment for billing fraudulent claims to Medicare.
Harout Margossian	Staten Island, NY	1356354252	Margossian is under indictment for billing Medicare for medically unnecessary services.
Nestor's Health Services, Inc.	955 SW 122nd Ave Miami FL 33184	1457543357	Nestor's Health Services, Inc. is under indictment for payment of kickbacks to beneficiaries.
Terri Lynn Schneider	Tampa, FL	10634133730	Schneider submitted reimbursement claims under the names of Terri Lynn Schneider, HHBC, and Coastal Health. These claims were for audiology, radiology, neurology, and cardiology and were for medical services not rendered and/or prescribed by physicians, as well as services that were not actually provided to Medicare beneficiaries.
Coastal Health Specialists	Tampa, FL	1588906176	
Healthy Hearing & Balance Clinic	Tampa, FL	1275846719	

If you identify aberrant billings from any of the providers listed in the table for Part C services or prescription drugs, please contact Health Integrity, CMS' National Benefit Integrity Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor (NBI MEDIC) or CMS. The NBI MEDIC or CMS can work with you to determine the appropriate remedial actions to take, including the possibility of implementing a payment suspension. Any questions you may have on this subject should be directed to your CMS Account Manager and Martina Gilly of the National Benefit Integrity MEDIC at gillym@healthintegrity.org. The MEDIC may also be reached at 1-877-7SAFERX (1-877-772-3379).

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