



Center for Program Integrity

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To: All Medicare Advantage Organizations and Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors

From: Timothy Hill, Acting Director
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Re: Role of the National Benefit Integrity Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor in
Combating Fraud, Waste and Abuse

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS') Center for Program Integrity's Division of Plan Oversight and Accountability (DPOA) is responsible for overseeing the integrity of the Medicare Advantage (Part C) and Medicare Prescription Drug (Part D) programs nationwide. CPI leads CMS' mission to protect Medicare beneficiaries from harm and to safeguard the Medicare trust funds.

To support its efforts, CMS contracts and works collaboratively with the National Benefit Integrity Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor (NBI MEDIC) to detect and prevent fraud, waste, and abuse. The NBI MEDIC successfully executes a number of key roles in CMS' Medicare Parts C & D anti-fraud initiatives, including:

- Responding to more than 1,000 fraud complaints and referrals monthly from beneficiaries, Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) and Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) Sponsors, senior advocacy groups such as the Senior Medicare Patrol, and other interested parties;
- Investigating more than 2,000 new fraud cases each year;
- Performing fraud audits of Medicare providers suspected of purposely violating CMS legal requirements;
- Performing complex data analysis to proactively identify emerging fraud schemes and on-going trends;
- Serving as Medicare subject matters experts on fraud and a primary source of fraud case referrals for prosecution by law enforcement at the federal and local levels; and
- Assisting MAOs and PDP Sponsors with their fraud investigations by providing data, as well as investigative and other resources.

For more information, MAOs and PDP Sponsors are encouraged to visit the NBI MEDIC website at <http://www.healthintegrity.org/contracts/nbi-medic>. Please email any questions about this memo to DPOACommunications@cms.hhs.gov copying MEDIC-Outreach@rainmakerssolutions.com.