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OFFICE OF THE MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL**

**REVIEW OF SARATOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD  
CLAIMS FOR OMH OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
PAID FROM  
JANUARY 1, 2005 – DECEMBER 31, 2008**

**FINAL AUDIT REPORT  
AUDIT #: 10-5073**

**Dennis Rosen  
Medicaid Inspector General**

**December 9, 2015**



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Saratoga County Community Services Board  
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Re: Final Audit Report  
Audit #: 10-5073  
Provider ID #: [REDACTED]  
NPI #: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

Enclosed is the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) final audit report entitled "Review of Saratoga County Community Services Board" (Provider) paid claims for OMH outpatient mental health services covering the period January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2008. Since you did not respond to our revised draft audit report dated October 21, 2015, the findings in the final audit report are identical to those in the revised draft audit report.

In the attached final audit report, the OMIG has detailed our scope, procedures, laws, regulations, rules and policies, sampling technique, findings, provider rights, and statistical analysis.

The OMIG has attached the sample detail for the paid claims determined to be in error. The adjusted mean point estimate overpaid is \$271,809. The adjusted lower confidence limit of the amount overpaid is \$138,176. We are 95% certain that the actual amount of the overpayment is greater than the adjusted lower confidence limit. This audit may be settled through repayment of adjusted the lower confidence limit of \$138,176.

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If the Provider has any questions or comments concerning this final audit report, please contact [REDACTED] Please refer to report number 10-5073 in all correspondence.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]  
Division of Medicaid Audit, Albany Office  
Office of the Medicaid Inspector General

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Enclosure

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## **OFFICE OF THE MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL**

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### BACKGROUND

Pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act, the Medicaid program provides medical assistance to low-income individuals and individuals with disabilities. The federal and state governments jointly fund and administer the Medicaid program. In New York State, the Department of Health (DOH) administers the Medicaid program. As part of this responsibility, the OMIG conducts audits and reviews of various providers of Medicaid reimbursable services, equipment and supplies. These audits and reviews are conducted to determine if the provider complied with applicable laws, regulations, rules and policies of the Medicaid program as set forth by the Departments of Health and Mental Hygiene [Titles 10, 14 and 18 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York] and the Medicaid Provider Manuals.

Outpatient mental health programs are offered at hospital-based, freestanding, or state operated Psychiatric Centers. The purpose of these programs is to diagnose and treat mentally ill adults and children on an ambulatory basis. There are five categories of outpatient programs: clinic treatment, continuing day treatment, day treatment serving children, intensive psychiatric rehabilitation treatment, and partial hospitalization. The specific standards and criteria for mental health clinics are outlined in Title 14 NYCRR Parts 579, 585, 587, 588, and Title 18 NYCRR Section 505.25. The MMIS Provider Manual for Clinics also provides program guidance for claiming Medicaid reimbursement for mental health clinic services.

### PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this audit was to determine whether the Provider's claims for Medicaid reimbursement for OMH outpatient mental health services complied with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, rules and policies governing the New York State Medicaid Program. With respect to OMH outpatient mental health services, this audit covered services paid by Medicaid from January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2008.

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

We inspected a random sample of 100 services with \$24,982.62 in Medicaid payments. Of the 100 services in our random sample, 16 services had at least one error and did not comply with state requirements. Of the 16 noncompliant services, some contained more than one deficiency. Specifics are as follows:

<u>Error Description</u>	<u>Number of Errors</u>
Improper Medicaid Billings for Medicare Crossover Patients	5
Missing /Late Individual Treatment Plan (Clinic)	2
Improper Billing for Residential Health Care Facility Patient	2
No Explanation of Benefits (EOB)/Documentation for Medicare Covered Service	2
Duration of Visit Not Documented	1
Missing Progress Note (Clinic)	1
Missing Progress Note (Continuing Day Treatment)	1
Missing Documentation of Treatment Plan Review	1
Excessive Preadmission Visits	1
Brief Visit Billed as Regular Clinic Visit	1

Incorrect Rate Code Billed	1
Failure to Assess for Admission to Clinic Program Services	1

Based on the procedures performed, the OMIG has determined that the Provider was overpaid \$2,819.56 in sample overpayments (including COPS/CSP supplemental payment amounts). However, the COPS/CSP amounts have been removed from the sample overpayments to derive the extrapolated adjusted point estimate and the adjusted lower confidence limit calculations of \$271,809 and \$138,176, respectively (Attachment B).

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **BACKGROUND**

#### **Medicaid Program**

Pursuant to Title XIX of the Social Security Act, the Medicaid program provides medical assistance to low-income individuals and individuals with disabilities. The Federal and State governments jointly fund and administer the Medicaid program.

#### **New York State's Medicaid Program**

In New York State, the Department of Health (DOH) is the State agency responsible for operating the Medicaid program. Within DOH, the Office of Health Insurance Programs administers the Medicaid program. DOH uses the electronic Medicaid New York Information system (eMedNY), a computerized payment and information reporting system, to process and pay Medicaid claims, including OMH outpatient mental health services claims.

As part of this responsibility, the OMIG conducts audits and reviews of various providers of Medicaid reimbursable services, equipment and supplies. These audits and reviews are conducted to determine if the provider complied with applicable laws, regulations, rules and policies of the Medicaid program as set forth by the Departments of Health and Mental Hygiene [Titles 10, 14 and 18 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York] and the Medicaid Provider Manuals.

#### **New York State's OMH Outpatient Mental Health Services Program**

Outpatient mental health programs are offered at hospital-based, freestanding, or state operated Psychiatric Centers. The purpose of these programs is to diagnose and treat mentally ill adults and children on an ambulatory basis. There are five categories of outpatient programs: clinic treatment, continuing day treatment, day treatment serving children, intensive psychiatric rehabilitation treatment, and partial hospitalization. The specific standards and criteria for mental health clinics are outlined in Title 14 NYCRR Parts 579, 585, 587, 588, and Title 18 NYCRR Section 505.25. The MMIS Provider Manual for Clinics also provides program guidance for claiming Medicaid reimbursement for mental health clinic services.

### **PURPOSE, SCOPE, AND METHODOLOGY**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this audit was to determine whether the Provider's claims for Medicaid reimbursement for OMH outpatient mental health services complied with applicable Federal and State laws, regulations, rules and policies governing the New York State Medicaid Program and to verify that:

- Medicaid reimbursable services were rendered for the dates billed;
- appropriate rate or procedure codes were billed for services rendered;
- patient related records contained the documentation required by the regulations; and,

- claims for payment were submitted in accordance with DOH regulations and the appropriate Provider Manuals.

## **Scope**

Our audit period covered payments to the Provider for OMH outpatient mental health services paid by Medicaid from January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2008. Our audit universe consisted of 64,047 claims totaling \$14,362,494.75.

During our audit, we did not review the overall internal control structure of the Provider. Rather, we limited our internal control review to the objective of our audit.

## **Methodology**

To accomplish our objective, we:

- reviewed applicable federal and state laws, regulations, rules and policies;
- held discussions with the Provider's management personnel to gain an understanding of the OMH outpatient mental health services program;
- ran computer programming application of claims in our data warehouse that identified 64,047 paid OMH outpatient mental health services claims, totaling \$14,362,494.75;
- selected a random sample of 100 services from the population of 64,047 services; and,
- estimated the overpayment paid in the population of 64,047 services.

For each sample selection we inspected, as available, the following:

- Medicaid electronic claim information
- Patient record, including, but not limited to:
  - Screening Notes
  - Core History/Evaluation
  - Treatment Plans and Treatment Plan Reviews
  - Progress Notes
  - Patient Group Attendance Sheets
  - Discharge Summary
- Any additional documentation deemed by the Provider necessary to substantiate the Medicaid paid claim

## LAWS, REGULATIONS, RULES AND POLICIES

The following are applicable Laws, Regulations, Rules and Policies of the Medicaid program referenced when conducting this audit:

- Departments of Health, Mental Hygiene and Social Services [Titles 10, 14, and 18 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (10 NYCRR, 14 NYCRR, 18 NYCRR)].
- Medicaid Management Information System and eMedNY Provider Manual.
- Specifically, Title 18 NYCRR Section 540.6, and Title 14 NYCRR Parts 587 and 588.
- In addition to any specific detailed findings, rules and/or regulations which may be listed below, the following regulations pertain to all audits:

Regulations state: "By enrolling the provider agrees: (a) to prepare and to maintain contemporaneous records demonstrating its right to receive payment . . . and to keep for a period of six years from the date the care, services or supplies were furnished, all records necessary to disclose the nature and extent of services furnished and all information regarding claims for payment submitted by, or on behalf of, the provider . . . (e) to submit claims for payment only for services actually furnished and which were medically necessary or otherwise authorized under the Social Services Law when furnished and which were provided to eligible persons; (f) to submit claims on officially authorized claim forms in the manner specified by the department in conformance with the standards and procedures for claims submission; . . . (h) that the information provided in relation to any claim for payment shall be true, accurate and complete; and (i) to comply with the rules, regulations and official directives of the department."  
*18 NYCRR Section 504.3*

Regulations state: "Fee-for-service providers. (1) All providers ... must prepare and maintain contemporaneous records demonstrating their right to receive payment . . . All records necessary to disclose the nature and extent of services furnished and the medical necessity therefor ... must be kept by the provider for a period of six years from the date the care, services or supplies were furnished or billed, whichever is later. (2) All information regarding claims for payment submitted by or on behalf of the provider is subject to audit for a period of six years from the date the care, services or supplies were furnished or billed, whichever is later, and must be furnished, upon request, to the department ... for audit and review."  
*18 NYCRR Section 517.3(b)*

Regulations require that bills for medical care, services and supplies contain patient name, case number and date of service; itemization of the volume and specific types of care, services and supplies provided; the unit price and total cost of the care, services and supplies provided; and a dated certification by the provider that the care, services and supplies itemized have been in fact furnished; that the amounts listed are in fact due and owing; that such records as are necessary to disclose fully the extent of care, services and supplies provided to individuals under the New York State Medicaid program will be kept for a period of not less than six years from the date of payment; and that the provider understands that payment and satisfaction of this claim will be from Federal, State and local public funds and that he or she may

be prosecuted under applicable Federal and State laws for any false claims, statements or documents, or concealment of a material fact provided.

*18 NYCRR Section 540.7(a)(1)-(3) and (8)*

Regulations state: "An overpayment includes any amount not authorized to be paid under the medical assistance program, whether paid as the result of inaccurate or improper cost reporting, improper claiming, unacceptable practices, fraud, abuse or mistake."

*18 NYCRR Section 518.1(c)*

Regulations state: "Vendor payments for medical care and other items of medical assistance shall not be made unless such care or other items of assistance have been furnished on the basis of the appropriate authorization prescribed by the rules of the board and regulations of the department."

*18 NYCRR Section 540.1*

Regulations state: "The department may require repayment from the person submitting an incorrect or improper claim, or the person causing such claim to be submitted, or the person receiving payment for the claim."

*18 NYCRR Section 518.3(a)*

Regulations state: "The department may require repayment for inappropriate, improper, unnecessary or excessive care, services or supplies from the person furnishing them, or the person under whose supervision they were furnished, or the person causing them to be furnished...."

*18 NYCRR Section 518.3(b)*

Regulations state: "Medical care, services or supplies ordered or prescribed will be considered excessive or not medically necessary unless the medical basis and specific need for them are fully and properly documented in the client's medical record."

*18 NYCRR Section 518.3(b)*

## **AUDIT FINDINGS**

This audit report incorporates consideration of any additional documentation and information presented in response to the Revised Draft Audit Report dated October 21, 2015.

Since you did not respond to the Revised Draft Audit Report, the findings remain the same.

## AUDIT FINDINGS DETAIL

The OMIG's review of Medicaid claims paid to the Provider from January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2008, identified 16 claims with at least one error, for a total sample overpayment of \$2,819.56 (including COPS/CSP) (Attachment C). This audit report incorporates consideration of any additional documentation and information presented in response to the Revised Draft Audit Report dated October 21, 2015.

### 1. Improper Medicaid Billings for Medicare Crossover Recipients

Regulations state, "The department ... will seek reimbursement for any payments for care and services it makes for which a third party is legally responsible."

*18 NYCRR Section 360-7.2*

Regulations state, "No claim for reimbursement shall be submitted unless the provider...(i) investigated to find third-party resources....(ii) sought reimbursement from liable third parties."

*18 NYCRR Section 540.6(e)(2)*

Medicaid policy requires that Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) benefits are limited to the (Medicaid) payment of Medicare premiums and the deductibles and coinsurance, as appropriate, for Medicare covered services.

*NYS Medicaid Program, Information For All Providers, Policy Guidelines,  
Version 2004-1, Section I*

*Version 2006-1, Section I*

*Version 2008-1 & 2, Section I*

*Version 2010-1 & 2, Section I*

*Version 2011-1 & 2, Section I*

In 5 instances pertaining to 5 recipients, an incorrect co-payment was billed to Medicaid. This finding applies to Sample #'s 14, 24, 54, 70 and 86.

### 2. Missing/Late Individual Treatment Plan (Clinic)

Regulations state, "All services shall be delivered in accordance with a written individual treatment plan."

*18 NYCRR Section 505.25(d)(2)*

Regulations state, "The case record shall be available to all staff of the outpatient program who are participating in the treatment of the recipient and shall include the following information: (6) the treatment plan or psychiatric rehabilitation service plan."

*14 NYCRR Section 587.18(b)(6)*

Regulations state, "Reimbursement shall only be made for services identified and provided in accordance with an individual treatment plan ... as defined in paragraphs 587.4(c) of this Title."

*14 NYCRR Section 588.5(c)*

Regulations require that for clinic treatment programs, the treatment plan schedule is as follows: "The treatment plan...shall be developed prior to the fourth visit after admission or within 30 days of admission, whichever comes first."

*14 NYCRR Section 588.6(g)*

In 2 instances pertaining to 2 recipients, the recipient record did not contain the required treatment plan. In 1 instance, the plan was late and in 1 instance, the plan was missing. This finding applies to Sample #'s 41 and 71.

**3. Improper Billing for Residential Health Care Facility Patient**

Regulations state, "Reimbursement for outpatient services provided to recipients who are in a residential health care facility shall be made to the provider of the mental health services by the residential health care facility."

*14 NYCRR Section 588.5(i)*

In 2 instances pertaining to 2 recipients, a mental health service provided to a recipient in a residential health care facility was billed directly to Medicaid by the Provider rather than to the residential health care facility. This finding applies to Sample #'s 20 and 81.

**4. No Explanation of Benefits (EOB) / Documentation for Medicare Covered Service**

Regulations state, "The department ... will seek reimbursement for any payments for care and services it makes for which a third party is legally responsible."

*18 NYCRR Section 360-7.2*

Regulations state, "No claim for reimbursement shall be submitted unless the provider...(i) investigated to find third-party resources....(ii) sought reimbursement from liable third parties."

*18 NYCRR Section 540.6(e)(2)*

Medicaid policy requires that providers must bill all applicable insurance sources, including Medicare, before submitting claims to Medicaid. The Manual also requires that providers must maintain appropriate financial records supporting their receipt of funds and application of monies received. Such records must be readily accessible for audit purposes.

*NYS Medicaid Program, Information For All Providers, Policy Guidelines,  
Version 2004-1, Section I  
Version 2006-1, Section I  
Version 2008-1 & 2, Section I  
Version 2010-1 & 2, Section I  
Version 2011-1 & 2, Section I*

In 2 instances pertaining to 2 recipients, no Explanation of Medical Benefits (EOB) was found for a Medicare eligible recipient who received services covered by Medicare. This finding applies to Sample #'s 2 and 20.

**5. Duration of Visit Not Documented**

Regulations state, "The case record...shall include the following information....(7) record and date of all on-site and off-site face to face contacts with the recipient, the type of service provided and the duration of the contact."

*14 NYCRR Section 587.18(b)(7)*

Regulations state, "Clinic treatment programs shall receive reimbursement for the following types of visits: (1) Brief visit: Shall be reimbursed for services of at least 15 minutes in duration but not more than 29 minutes of face-to-face interaction between one recipient and one therapist. (2) Regular visit: Shall be reimbursed for services of at least 30 minutes in duration of face to face interaction between one recipient and one therapist."  
*14 NYCRR Section 588.6(a)(1) and (2)*

In 1 instance, the record did not indicate the duration of the visit. This finding applies to Sample # 20.

**6. Missing Progress Note (Clinic)**

Regulations state: "Progress notes shall be recorded by the clinical staff member(s) who provided services to the recipient. Such notes shall identify the particular services provided and the changes in goals, objectives and services, as appropriate. Progress notes shall be recorded within the following intervals: (1) clinic treatment programs—each visit and/or contact."  
*14 NYCRR Section 587.16(f)(1)*

Regulations state: "The case record shall be available to all staff of the outpatient program who are participating in the treatment of the recipient and shall include the following information: (8) dated progress notes which relate to goals and objectives of treatment; (9) dated progress notes which relate to significant events and/or untoward incidents."  
*14 NYCRR Section 587.18(b)(8) and (9)*

In 1 instance, the required progress note was missing. This finding applies to Sample # 56.

**7. Missing Progress Note (Continuing Day Treatment)**

Regulations state: "Progress notes shall be recorded by the clinical staff member(s) who provided services to the recipient. Such notes shall identify the particular services provided and the changes in goals, objectives and services, as appropriate. Progress notes shall be recorded within the following intervals: (2) continuing day treatment programs—at least every two weeks."  
*14 NYCRR Section 587.16(f)(2)*

Regulations state: "The case record shall be available to all staff of the outpatient program who are participating in the treatment of the recipient and shall include the following information: (8) dated progress notes which relate to goals and objectives of treatment; (9) dated progress notes which relate to significant events and/or untoward incidents."  
*14 NYCRR Section 587.18(b)(8) and (9)*

In 1 instance, the required progress note was missing. This finding applies to Sample # 87.

**8. Missing Documentation of Treatment Plan Review**

Regulations state, "All services shall be delivered in accordance with a written individual treatment plan."  
*18 NYCRR Section 505.25(d)(2)*

Regulations state, "Reimbursement shall only be made for services identified and provided in accordance with an individual treatment plan ... as defined in section 587.4(c) of this Title."  
*14 NYCRR Section 588.5(c)*

Regulations state, "The treatment plan required ... shall be completed prior to the 12<sup>th</sup> visit after admission or within 30 days of admission, whichever occurs first. Review of the treatment plan shall be every three months."  
*14 NYCRR Section 588.7(k)*

In 1 instance, the medical record did not contain the required treatment plan review. This finding applies to Sample # 98.

**9. Excessive Preadmission Visits**

Regulations state, "Reimbursement for preadmission visits shall be . . .(4) limited to a maximum of three visits. . . ."  
*14 NYCRR Section 588.5(k)(4)*

In 1 instance, more than three preadmission visits were billed or more than one collateral preadmission visit was billed for an adult recipient. This finding applies to Sample # 63.

**10. Brief Visit Billed as Regular Clinic Visit**

Regulations state, "Clinic treatment programs shall receive reimbursement for the following types of visits: (1) Brief visit: Shall be reimbursed for services of at least 15 minutes in duration but not more than 29 minutes of face-to-face interaction between one recipient and one therapist. (2) Regular visit: Shall be reimbursed for services of at least 30 minutes in duration of face-to-face interaction between one recipient and one therapist."  
*14 NYCRR Section 588.6(a)(1) and (2)*

In 1 instance, a regular clinic visit rate was billed when a brief visit was documented. The regular clinic visit rate was reduced to a brief visit rate. This finding applies to Sample # 2.

**11. Incorrect Rate Code Billed**

Regulations state, "State reimbursement shall be available, at fees approved by the New York State Director of the Budget, for ambulatory care for eligible recipients with mental illness. . . ."  
*18 NYCRR Section 505.25(h)(2)*

Regulations describe reimbursement under the medical assistance program for non-State operated continuing day treatment programs licensed pursuant to article 31 of the Mental Hygiene Law and Part 587 of this Title shall be in accordance with the fee schedule detailed in Part 588 for services provided prior to April 1, 2009.  
*14 NYCRR Section 588.13(a)(3)*

Regulations describe reimbursement under the medical assistance program for non-State operated continuing day treatment programs licensed pursuant to article 31 of the Mental Hygiene Law and operated by agencies licensed pursuant to article 28 of the Public Health Law, and Part 587 of this Title shall be in accordance with the fee schedule detailed in Part 588 for services provided April 1, 2009, and after.  
*14 NYCRR Section 588.13(b)(1)*

Regulations describe the standards pertaining to reimbursement for continuing day treatment visits. Such visits will be reimbursed on the basis of the duration of hours for the service provided. *14 NYCRR Section 588.7(a), (b), and (c)*

In 1 instance, an incorrect rate code was billed which resulted in higher reimbursement than indicated in the fee schedule for the proper rate code. This finding applies to Sample # 46.

**12. Failure to Assess for Admission to Clinic Program Services**

Regulations state, "Preadmission screening is the initial face-to-face process of contacting, interviewing and evaluating a potential recipient of mental health services to determine the individual's need for services." *14 NYCRR Section 587.4(c)(17)*

Regulations state, "A clinic treatment program shall provide assessment services to all recipients and, in addition, shall provide health screening services to all recipients receiving medication therapy services. Treatment planning and discharge planning services shall be provided in accordance with section 587.16 of this Part." *14 NYCRR Section 587.8(c)*

Regulations state, "Reimbursement shall only be made for services identified and provided in accordance with an individual treatment plan or psychiatric rehabilitation service plan as defined in section 587.4(c) of this Title." *14 NYCRR Section 588.5(c)*

In 1 instance, documentation of an assessment/evaluation to determine the patient's need for clinic program services was not found. This finding applies to Sample # 64.

## PROVIDER RIGHTS

In accordance with 18 NYCRR Part 518 which regulates the collection of overpayments, your repayment options are described below. If you decide to repay the adjusted lower confidence limit amount of \$138,176, one of the following repayment options must be selected within 20 days from the date of this letter:

**OPTION #1:** Make full payment by check or money order within 20 days of the date of the final audit report. The check should be made payable to the New York State Department of Health and be sent with the attached Remittance Advice to:

[REDACTED]  
New York State Department of Health  
Medicaid Financial Management  
GNARESP Corning Tower, Room 2739  
File #10-5073  
Albany, New York 12237

**OPTION #2:** Enter into a repayment agreement with the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General. If your repayment terms exceed 90 days from the date of the final audit report, recoveries of amounts due are subject to interest charges at the prime rate plus 2%. If the process of establishing the repayment agreement exceeds 20 days from the date of the final audit report, the OMIG will impose a 50% withhold after 20 days until the agreement is established. OMIG acceptance of the repayment agreement is based on your repaying the Medicaid overpayment as agreed. The OMIG will adjust the rate of recovery, or require payment in full, if your unpaid balance is not being repaid as agreed. In addition, if you receive an adjustment in your favor while you owe funds to the State, such adjustment will be applied against any amount owed. If you wish to enter into a repayment agreement, please contact the Bureau of Collections Management within 20 days at the following:

Bureau of Collections Management  
New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General  
800 North Pearl Street  
Albany, New York 12204

[REDACTED]

If you choose not to settle this audit through repayment of the adjusted lower confidence limit, you have the right to challenge these findings by requesting an administrative hearing where the OMIG would seek and defend the adjusted point estimate of \$271,809. As allowed by state regulations, you must make your request for a hearing, in writing, within sixty (60) days of the date of this report to:

General Counsel  
Office of Counsel  
New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General  
800 North Pearl Street  
Albany, NY 12204

Questions regarding the request for a hearing should be directed to Office of Counsel, at [REDACTED].

Issues you may raise shall be limited to those issues relating to determinations contained in the final audit report. Your hearing request may not address issues regarding the methodology used to determine the rate, or any issue that was raised at a proceeding to appeal a rate determination.

At the hearing you have the right to:

- a) be represented by an attorney or other representative, or to represent yourself;
- b) present witnesses and written and/or oral evidence to explain why the action taken is wrong; and
- c) cross examine witnesses of the Department of Health and/or the OMIG.

The OMIG reserves the right to conduct further reviews of your participation in the Medicaid Program, take action where appropriate, and recover monies owed through the initiation of a civil lawsuit or other legal mechanisms including but not limited to the recovery of state tax refunds pursuant to Section 206 of the Public Health Law and Section 171-f of the State Tax Law.

**NEW YORK STATE  
OFFICE OF THE MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL  
REMITTANCE ADVICE**

**NAME AND ADDRESS OF AUDITEE**

[REDACTED]  
Saratoga County Community Services  
Board  
135 South Broadway  
Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

**PROVIDER ID #** [REDACTED]

**AUDIT #** 10-5073

**AMOUNT DUE:** \$138,176

<b>AUDIT</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>PROVIDER</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>RATE</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>PART B</b>
<b>TYPE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>OTHER:</b>

**CHECKLIST**

1. To ensure proper credit, please enclose this form with your check.
2. Make checks payable to: *New York State Department of Health*
3. Record the Audit Number on your check.
4. Mail check to:

[REDACTED]  
New York State Department of Health  
Medicaid Financial Management  
GNARESP Corning Tower, Room 2739  
File #10-5073  
Albany, New York 12237

*Thank you for your cooperation.*

## **SAMPLE DESIGN**

The sample design used for Audit #10-5073 was as follows:

- **Universe** - Medicaid claims for OMH outpatient mental health services paid during the period January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2008.
- **Sampling Frame** - The sampling frame for this objective is the Medicaid electronic database of paid Provider claims for OMH outpatient mental health services paid during the period January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2008.
- **Sample Unit** - The sample unit is a Medicaid claim paid during the period January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2008.
- **Sample Design** – Simple sampling was used for sample selection.
- **Sample Size** – The sample size is 100 services.

### SAMPLE RESULTS AND ESTIMATES

Universe Size	64,047
Sample Size	100
Sample Value	\$ 24,982.62
Sample Overpayments (including COPS/CSP)	\$ 2,819.56
Confidence Level	90%

#### Extrapolation of Sample Findings

Sample Overpayments (including COPS/CSP)	\$ 2,819.56
Less COPS/CSP	(2,363.45)
Less Overpayments Not Extrapolated*	<u>(31.77)</u>
Sample Overpayments for Extrapolation Purposes	\$ 424.34
Sample Size	100
Mean Dollars in Error for Extrapolation Purposes	\$ 4.2434
Universe Size	64,047
Point Estimate of Total Dollars	\$ 271,777
Add Overpayments Not Extrapolated*	32
Adjusted Point Estimate of Totals Dollars	<u>\$ 271,809</u>
Lower Confidence Limit	\$ 138,144
Add Overpayments Not Extrapolated*	32
Adjusted Lower Confidence Limit	<u>\$ 138,176</u>

\* The actual dollar disallowance for the following finding was subtracted from the total sample overpayment and added to the Point Estimate and Lower Confidence Limit:

- **Finding #9 - Excessive Preadmission Visits**

The dollar disallowance associated with this finding was not used in the extrapolation. However, this does not apply if an extrapolated finding was also identified for a sampled claim.







