

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

**REVIEW OF BLUE CHOICE/BLUE CHOICE OPTION  
RETROACTIVE DISENROLLMENT VOIDS DUE OVER 90 DAYS  
BASED ON NYSDOH/MANAGED CARE QUARTERLY RETRO  
DISENROLLMENT PREMIUM RECOVERY REPORTS FOR THE  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> AND 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTERS OF 2013**

**FINAL AUDIT REPORT  
AUDIT # 14-4530**

**Thomas R. Meyer  
Acting Medicaid Inspector General**

**March 11, 2015**



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Excellus Health Plan, Inc.  
Blue Choice/Blue Choice Option  
165 Court Street  
Rochester, New York 14647

RE: Final Audit Report  
Audit # 14-4530  
Provider # [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]:

The New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) has identified Medicaid and Family Health Plus capitation payments made to Blue Choice/Blue Choice Option (Plan) which the Plan was later instructed to return because the enrollees were retroactively disenrolled from the Plan. The OMIG's review determined that the Plan failed to return the payments. In accordance with the Medicaid Managed Care/Family Health Plus/HIV Special Needs Plan Model Contract (Contract) and Section 517.6 of Title 18 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (18 NYCRR), this report represents the final determination on the issues found during the OMIG's review.

### BACKGROUND

The New York State Department of Health (the Department) is the state agency responsible for the administration of the Medicaid program. As part of its responsibility as an entity within the Department, the OMIG conducts audits and reviews of various providers of Medicaid reimbursable services, equipment and supplies. These audits and reviews are directed at assessing provider compliance with applicable laws, regulations, rules and policies of the Medicaid program as set forth in New York Public Health Law, New York Social Services Law, the regulations of the Department (Titles 10 and 18 of NYCRR), the regulations of the Office of Mental Health (Title 14 of the NYCRR), and the Department's Medicaid Provider Manuals, *Medicaid Update* publications and the Contract.

## **PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

The purpose of the audit was to identify instances where the Plan received a capitation payment from Medicaid and subsequently the enrollee was retroactively disenrolled for the entire payment month. Following notification of the retroactive disenrollment by the local district and the Department's Office of Health Insurance Programs/Division of Health Plan Contracting and Oversight, the Plan has not voided the capitation payments. The scope of the audit includes all retroactive disenrollment capitation payments with dates of service from September 1, 2008 through September 30, 2013.

In accordance with 18 NYCRR Parts 517 and 518 and pursuant to the Contract, Section 3.6 (Compensation – State Department of Health Right to Recover Premiums) and Appendix H, the OMIG, on behalf of the Department, has the right to recover premiums paid to the Plan for enrollees listed on the monthly roster who are later determined to have been ineligible for the entire applicable payment month.

## **FINDINGS**

A Draft Audit Report was issued on September 24, 2014 identifying \$35,393.09 in overpaid capitation payments made to the Plan and not subsequently returned to Medicaid for enrollees who were retroactively disenrolled for the entire payment month. Subsequent to the Draft Audit Report 5 claim amounts were subject to rate adjustments for a total of \$1.11. In response to the Draft Audit Report the Plan submitted documentation contesting a portion of the claims (Attachment I). Upon reviewing the documentation, the OMIG agreed to reduce the overpayments in the Draft Audit Report by \$29,323.30 (Attachment II) resulting in an overpayment of \$6,070.90.

In accordance with 18 NYCRR 518.4, interest may be collected on any overpayments identified in this audit and will accrue at the current rate from the date of the overpayment. Interest was calculated on the overpayments identified in the Final Audit Report using a Federal Reserve Prime Rate of 3.25%, from the date of overpayment to the date of the Draft Audit Report.

The total amount of overpayment inclusive of interest, as defined in 18 NYCRR §518.1(c) is \$6,525.62. Subsequent to the issuance of the Draft Audit Report, the Plan voided claims in the amount of \$5,637.71. Therefore, \$887.91 is due the New York State Department of Health (Attachment III).

## **EFFECTIVE DATE**

The OMIG, on behalf of the Department, is seeking to recover the amount remaining due of \$887.91 from the Plan, effective 20 days from the date of this Final Audit Report.

## **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

In accordance with 18 NYCRR Part 518, which regulates the collection of overpayments, your repayment options are described below.

**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, include the audit number and be sent with the attached Remittance Advice to:

[REDACTED]  
New York State Department of Health  
Medicaid Financial Management, B.A.M.  
GNARESP Corning Tower, Room 2739  
File # **14-4530**  
Albany, New York 12237-0016

**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  
Phone #: [REDACTED]  
Fax#: [REDACTED]

**PROVIDER RIGHTS**

The Plan has the right to challenge this action and determination by requesting an administrative hearing within sixty (60) days of the date of this notice. In accordance with 18 NYCRR Section 519.18(a), "The issues and documentation considered at the hearing are limited to issues directly relating to the final determination. An appellant may not raise issues regarding the methodology used to determine any rate of payment or fee, nor raise any new matter not considered by the department upon submission of objections to a draft audit or notice of proposed agency action."

If the Plan wishes to request a hearing, the request must be submitted in writing to:

General Counsel  
Office of Counsel  
New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General  
800 North Pearl Street  
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REMITTANCE ADVICE**

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PROVIDER #: [REDACTED]

AUDIT # 14-4530

AMOUNT DUE: \$887.91

AUDIT  
TYPE

[ ] PROVIDER  
[ ] RATE-LTC  
[ ] RATE-NH  
[ X ] MANAGED  
CARE

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]  
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5. If the provider number shown above is incorrect, please enter the correct number below.