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April 6, 2011

St Joseph's Hospital Health Center
Mike Scherr, Director, Patient Accounting Services
973 James Street
Syracuse, New York 13203

FINAL AUDIT REPORT
Audit #2010Z54-049J
Provider [redacted]

Dear Mr. Scherr:

The New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (the "OMIG") completed an audit of Medicaid claims paid for Ancillary Services for Medicaid recipients who were inpatients in a hospital on the date of service. In accordance with 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 issues found during the OMIG's review.

After reviewing your response to the OMIG's June 28, 2010 Draft Audit Report, the OMIG reduced the Draft Audit Report disallowances of $1,864.46 to $1,590.41 in the Final Report. A detailed explanation of the revision is included in the Final Report.

Based on this determination, restitution of the overpayments as defined in 18 NYCRR 518.1 is required in the amount of $1,590.41.

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

OPTION #1: Make a full payment by check or money order within 20 days of the date of the final report. The check should be made payable to the New York State

Department of Health and be sent with the enclosed Remittance Advice form, signed and dated, to:

Donald Collins
New York State Department of Health
Medicaid Financial Management
GNARESP Corning Tower, Room 1237
Albany, New York 12237

OPTION #2: Enter into a repayment agreement with the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General to have the overpayments applied against your future Medicaid payments. If your repayment terms exceed 90 days from the date of the final 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 report, the OMIG will impose a 15% withhold after 20 days until the agreement is established. The OMIG may require financial information from you to establish the terms of the repayment agreement. If additional information is requested, the OMIG must receive the information within 30 days of the request or a 50% withhold will be imposed. 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. The OMIG will notify you no later than 5 days after initiating such action.

If you wish to enter into a repayment agreement, you must forward your written request within 20 days to the following:

Collections Management Group
New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General
800 North Pearl Street
Albany, New York 12204
Phone #: (518) 474-5878
Fax#: (518) 408-0593

Do not submit claim voids or adjustments in response to this Final Audit Report.

If within 20 days you fail to make full payment or contact the OMIG to make repayment arrangements, the OMIG will establish a withhold equal to 50% of your Medicaid billings to secure payment and liquidate the overpayment amount, interest and/or penalty, not barring any other remedy allowed by law. The OMIG will provide notice to you no later than 5 days after the withholding of any funds.

In addition, if you receive an adjustment in your favor while you owe funds to the State, such adjustment will be applied against the amount owed.

The Facility 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 Facility wishes to request a hearing, the request must be submitted in writing to:

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

If a hearing is held, the Facility may have a person represent the Facility or the Facility may represent itself. If the Facility chooses to be represented by someone other than an attorney, the Facility must supply along with the Facility's hearing request a signed authorization permitting that person to represent the Facility. At the hearing, the Facility may call witnesses and present documentary evidence on the Facility's behalf.

Questions concerning this audit may be directed to Cheryl Scorsone at (518) 402-6746.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

John Ostrowski, Manager
Bureau of Business Intelligence
Office of the Medicaid Inspector General

Enclosure

CERTIFIED MAIL # 7010 1870 0002 2223 9176
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF THE MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL
REMITTANCE ADVICE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF AUDITEE

St Joseph's Hospital Health Center
973 James Street
Syracuse, NY 13203

Provider [redacted]

AUDIT #2010Z54-049J

AUDIT TYPE

[X] PROVIDER
[ ] RATE
[ ] PART B
[ ] OTHER:

AMOUNT DUE: $1,590.41

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:

Donald Collins
Medicaid Financial Management
New York State Department of Health
GNARESP Corning Tower, Room 1237
File #2010Z54-049J
Albany, New York 12237

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

CORRECT PROVIDER NUMBER

NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF THE MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL

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FINAL REPORT

ST JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL HEALTH CENTER
973 JAMES STREET
SYRACUSE, NEW YORK 13203

INPATIENT / ANCILLARY SERVICES
#2010Z54-049J

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BACKGROUND, PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) is responsible for the administration of the Medicaid program. As an independent office within DOH, the OMIG conducts audits and reviews of providers of Medicaid reimbursable services, equipment and supplies. These audits and reviews are directed at ensuring provider compliance with applicable laws, regulations, rules and policies of the Medicaid program as set forth in NY Public Health Law, NY Social Services Law, regulations of the Departments of Health, [Titles 10 and 18 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York] and the Medicaid Provider Manuals.

This review identified potential Medicaid overpayments made to you for laboratory and/or other ordered ambulatory services provided to Medicaid patients, who on the same date as these services, received inpatient services at a hospital. When Medicaid pays for such outpatient service for a hospitalized recipient, it is paying twice for the same service: first when it pays the inpatient rate and again when it pays the outpatient provider's separate claim. Inpatient hospital rates include all the costs incurred for the care of inpatients.

To accomplish this, laboratory and/or ordered ambulatory service claims with payment dates from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009 were reviewed. Certain dates of hospital admission were excluded from this report. All dates of discharge were excluded from this report.

Please note that due to the implementation of the National Provider Identifier (NPI) on September 1, 2008, there may be multiple Provider Identification Numbers associated with the Primary Provider Identification Number. The NPI is linked to the Primary Provider Identification Number. The Primary Provider Identification Number is used for correspondence and recoupment.

DETAILED FINDINGS

The detailed finding of our audit is as follows:

1. Laboratory Services Billed Fee for Service that are Included in the Inpatient Rate

Regulations state: "By enrolling the provider agrees ... that the information provided in relation to any claim for payment shall be true, accurate, and complete;"

18 NYCRR 504.3(h)

Regulations state: "By enrolling, the provider agrees... to comply with the rules, regulations and official directives of the department."

18 NYCRR 504.3(i)

Regulations state: "No payment will be made on a for fee-for-service basis for laboratory services when the cost of providing such services has been included in the Medicaid rate of payment for the provider of the patient care."

18 NYCRR 505.7(g)(7)

The MMIS Manual states: "Medicaid payment rates for hospital inpatient stays include all laboratory tests provided to hospital inpatients. Accordingly, no laboratory procedures rendered to hospital inpatients are authorized to be billed separately to Medicaid on a fee-for-service basis."

MMIS Provider Manual for Laboratory, Version 2005-1 Section III

The MMIS Manual states: "Billing on a fee-for-service basis for tests already included in a facilities rate structure is considered to be a duplicate payment and, as such, will be recouped by Medicaid."

MMIS Provider Manual for Inpatient, Version 2007-1 Section II

Exhibit I is a list of all claims that contain laboratory services billed to Medicaid during a Medicaid patient's inpatient hospital stay. These services must be billed to the original admitting hospital. Submitting these claims to Medicaid resulted in an overpayment of $30.97.

2. <u>Ordered Ambulatory Services (Other Than Labs) Billed Fee for Service that are Included in the Inpatient Rate</u>

Regulations state: "By enrolling the provider agrees ... that the information provided in relation to any claim for payment shall be true, accurate, and complete;"

18 NYCRR 504.3(h)

Regulations state: "By enrolling, the provider agrees... to comply with the rules, regulations and official directives of the department."

18 NYCRR 504.3(i)

The DOH Medicaid Update states: "Ancillary services that are already included in a facility's all inclusive DRG payment... should not be billed on a fee-for-service basis. Services rendered to hospital inpatients should not be billed on an ordered ambulatory basis. This situation is considered to be a duplicate payment and therefore subject to recoupment."

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The MMIS Provider Manual states: "The Medicaid payment for inpatient care is considered to include all procedures and services regardless of where they were performed.

The original hospital is responsible for reimbursing all other hospitals, clinics or ambulatory surgery centers which provide the services not available at the admitting hospital."

MMIS Provider Manual for Inpatient, Version 2007-1 Section II

Exhibit II is a list of all claims that contain ordered ambulatory services (other than labs) billed to Medicaid during a Medicaid patient's inpatient hospital stay. These services must be billed to the original admitting hospital. Submitting these claims to Medicaid resulted in an overpayment of $1,518.74.

DETERMINATION

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 preliminary determination of the overpayment. For the overpayments identified in this audit, the OMIG has determined that accrued interest totals $40.70.

Based on this determination, the total amount of overpayment, as defined in 18 NYCRR 518.1(c) is $1,590.41, inclusive of interest.