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OFFICE OF THE MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL

REVIEW OF UNITED HEALTHCARE OF NY INC.'S CAPITATION PAYMENTS FOR DECEASED MANAGED CARE ENROLLEES JANUARY 1, 2007 – OCTOBER 22, 2012

FINAL AUDIT REPORT

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April 8, 2013

[redacted]
United Healthcare of New York, Inc.
77 Water Street, 14th Floor
New York, NY 10004

Re: Final Audit Report
Audit # 12-6880
Provider #[redacted]

Dear [redacted]

The New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) has identified instances where United Healthcare of New York, Inc. (Plan) received monthly Medicaid and/or Family Health Plus capitation payments in months when the enrollee was deceased. 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 the issues found during the OMIG's review.

BACKGROUND

The New York State Department of Health (DOH) is responsible for the administration of the Medicaid program. As part of its responsibility as an entity within DOH, 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 DOH (Titles 10 and 18 of NYCRR), the regulations of the Office of Mental Health (Title 14 of the NYCRR), and the DOH's Medicaid Provider Manuals, *Medicaid Update* publications and Medicaid Managed Care and Family Health Plus/HIV Special Needs Plan Model Contract (Contract).

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 DOH, 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.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this audit was to identify instances where the Plan received a capitation payment subsequent to the enrollee's month of death. These cases were identified by a computerized match comparing Medicaid and Family Health Plus managed care enrollees to New York State and New York City Vital Statistic death record information. The review includes all dates of death reported through April 23, 2012 to Vital Statistics.

FINDINGS

A Draft Audit Report was issued on January 3, 2013 identifying $355,799.83 in overpaid capitation payments made to the Plan for periods subsequent to the enrollee's month of death. After the OMIG claim extract for the Draft Audit Report, payment rate adjustments were made to several claims thereby increasing the total overpayment by $3,963.71 (Attachment I). On January 8, 2013 the Plan requested, and was granted, an extension to April 8, 2013 to review and respond to the Draft Audit Report (Attachment II). On March 26, 2013 the Plan submitted their response and made note of discrepancies of five dates of death (Attachment III). After reviewing the dates in question it was determined that the dates supplied by the Departments of Vital Statistics were the accurate dates of death and the Plan was instructed to return the capitation payments. The Plan voided claims totaling $157,636.60 (Attachment IV) and will pay by check the balance, $202,126.94 (Attachment V). Pursuant to Section 3.6 and Appendix H of the Contract and 18 NYCRR Parts 517 and 518, the OMIG, on behalf of DOH, may recover such overpayments paid to the Plan. Based on this determination, the total amount of overpayment identified in this Final Audit Report as defined in 18 NYCRR 518.1 is $359,763.54. Repayment of $202,126.94 is due the New York State Department of Health.

REPAYMENT 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 report. The check should be made payable to the **New York State Department of Health** with audit number included and be sent with the attached Remittance Advice to:

New York State Department of Health
Medicaid Financial Management, B.A.M.
GNARESP Corning Tower, Room 2739
Albany, New York 12237-0016

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 the process of establishing the repayment agreement exceeds 20 days from the date of the final audit 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:

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

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 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.

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 within sixty (60) days of the date of this notice to:

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

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

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;
c) Cross examine witnesses of the DOH and/or the OMIG; and
d) Have an interpreter if you do not speak English or are deaf.

If you have any questions regarding the above, please contact [redacted] at [redacted] or via e-mail at [redacted]

Sincerely,

[redacted]

Bureau of Managed Care Audit & Provider Review
Office of the Medicaid Inspector General

Attachments: (5)
CERTIFIED MAIL # [redacted]
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF THE MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL
REMITTANCE ADVICE

NAME AND ADDRESS OF AUDITEE

United Healthcare of New York, Inc.
77 Water Street, 14th Floor
New York, NY 10004

PROVIDER # [redacted]

AUDIT # **12-6880**

PROVIDER TYPE

- ☐ **Fee For Service**
- ☐ **Rate - LTC**
- ☐ **Rate - NH**
- ☒ **Managed Care**
- ☐ **Other**

AMOUNT DUE: $202,126.94

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:**

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Thank you for your cooperation.