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REVIEW OF METROPLUS HEALTH PLAN INC.'S SUPPLEMENTAL MATERNITY AND NEWBORN CAPITATION PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF ENROLLEES WITHOUT CORRESPONDING ENCOUNTER DATA JANUARY 1, 2012 – DECEMBER 31, 2012

FINAL AUDIT REPORT
AUDIT # 13-6656

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April 24, 2014

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MetroPlus Health Plan, Inc.
160 Water Street, Third Floor
New York, New York 10038

Re: Final Audit Report
Audit #: 13-6656
Provider ID #: [redacted]

Dear [redacted]

The New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) has identified Medicaid and Family Health Plus supplemental newborn or maternity capitation payments made to MetroPlus Health Plan, Inc. (Plan) where there was no corresponding hospital birth or delivery encounter data submitted. 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.

After reviewing the Plan's February 11, 2014 response to the OMIG's January 27, 2014 Revised Revised Draft Audit Report, as well as any information/documentation submitted, the OMIG has considered the documentation and the report has been revised accordingly. Consideration of the documentation resulted in an overall reduction of $42,936.53 to the total Medicaid overpayment shown in the Revised Draft Audit Report. A detailed explanation can be found in the Findings section.

BACKGROUND, PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The New York State Department of Health (the Department) is 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 Medicaid Managed Care and/or Family Health Plus/HIV Special Needs Plan Model Contract (Contract).

The purpose of the audit was to identify instances where the Plan received a supplemental newborn and/or maternity capitation payment from Medicaid where no corresponding encounter data was reported by the Plan for the services. The audit identified instances where the Plan failed to maintain and provide documentation to support the billing of supplemental newborn and maternity capitation payments. The scope of the audit included supplemental newborn and maternity capitation payments with dates of services from January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2012.

Sections 3.9 and 3.10 of the Contract provide for a supplemental newborn or maternity capitation payment to a managed care organization (MCO) where applicable. The MCO must first make payment to the hospital for the birth or delivery before billing Medicaid for the supplemental payment, and maintain on file evidence of the payment. Section 18.5 (a)(iv) of the Contract, *Reporting Requirements for Encounter Data*, also requires the MCO to prepare and submit encounter data on a monthly basis to the Department. Pursuant to 3.9(d) and 3.10(f) of the Contract, "Failure to have supporting records may, upon audit, result in recoupment of the supplemental maternity or newborn capitation payment by the Department."

FINDINGS

A Revised Draft Audit Report was issued January 27, 2014 identifying $42,936.53 in inappropriately billed claims for supplemental maternity or newborn capitation payments wherein the Plan failed to submit encounter data. In its February 11, 2014 response to the Revised Draft Audit Report the Plan provided supporting documentation for all of the claims identified in the Revised Draft Audit Report totaling $42,936.53 (Attachment I). The OMIG reviewed and accepted the documentation, reducing the overpayments in the Revised Draft Audit Report by $42,936.53 (Attachment II). As a result, there is no amount due.

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
Albany, New York 12204

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

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

The OMIG reserves the right to conduct further reviews of your participation in the Medicaid program, take action where appropriate, and recover any associated overpayments. Please contact or via e-mail at if you have any questions regarding the above. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Division of Medicaid Audit, Albany Office
Office of the Medicaid Inspector General

Enclosures

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