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OFFICE OF THE MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL

REVIEW OF A & T HEALTHCARE, LLC  
CLAIMS FOR TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY SERVICES  
PAID FROM  
JANUARY 1, 2008 – DECEMBER 31, 2009

FINAL AUDIT REPORT

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June 13, 2011



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Re: Final Audit Report  
Audit #: 10-5186

Dear [REDACTED]:

Enclosed is the Office of the Medicaid Inspector General (OMIG) final audit report entitled "Review of A & T Healthcare, LLC" (A & T Healthcare) paid claims for traumatic brain injury services covering the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009.

In the attached final audit report, the OMIG has detailed our objectives and 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. This final audit report incorporates consideration of any additional documentation and information presented in response to the draft audit report dated April 6, 2011. The mean point estimate overpaid is \$41,021. The lower confidence limit of the amount overpaid is \$20,241. We are 95% certain that the actual amount of the overpayment is greater than the lower confidence limit. This audit may be settled through repayment of the lower confidence limit of \$20,241.

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If A & T Healthcare has any questions or comments concerning this final audit report, please contact [REDACTED] at [REDACTED] or through email at [REDACTED]. Please refer to report number 10-5186 in all correspondence.

Sincerely,

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Director of Provider Audit  
Bureau of Fee for Service Audit  
Office of the Medicaid Inspector General

[REDACTED]  
Enclosure

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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 directed at ensuring provider compliance 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.

The Home and Community Based Services Waiver for Traumatic Brain Injury (HCBS/TBI) is administered by the New York State Department of Health (DOH) through the Regional Resource Development Centers (RRDC) and Specialists (RRDS) who serve specific counties throughout the State. Waiver services are available to persons with traumatic brain injury who meet certain eligibility criteria. The Waiver uses Medicaid funding to provide support and services to assist an individual with a traumatic brain injury (TBI) toward successful inclusion in the community. The services focus on the community repatriation of New York State TBI individuals who may reside in high cost institutionalized settings or choose to participate in the waiver to prevent institutional placement. The Waiver is funded under the Medicaid Program and the costs are shared by the Federal, State and local governments.

The HCBS/TBI Waiver Provider is generally subject to Title XIX of the Federal Social Security Act and Article 27-CC of the New York State Public Health Law. The specific standards and criteria for HCBS/TBI waiver services are outlined in The HCBS/TBI Provider Manual, the MMIS Provider Manual, various administrative directives issued by the Department, and the contractual agreement with the Department for the HCBS/TBI Waiver. The HCBS/TBI Provider Manual also provides program guidance for claiming Medicaid reimbursement for TBI services.

### OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

The objective of our audit was to ensure A & T Healthcare's compliance with applicable federal and state laws, regulations, rules and policies governing the New York State Medicaid Program. With respect to traumatic brain injury, our audit covered services paid by Medicaid from January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2009.

### SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

We inspected a random sample of 100 services with \$25,417.54 in Medicaid payments. Of the 100 services in our random sample, 15 services had at least one error and did not comply with state requirements. Of the noncompliant services, one contained more than one deficiency. Specifics are as follows:

<u>Error Description</u>	<u>Number of Errors</u>
TBI Training Not Completed – Home and Community Support Services	5
Billed More Hours than Documented	3
Partial Service Hours Were Billed Incorrectly	3
Billing From Program Schedule Rather Than Employee Report of Time	2
Billed More Hours than Approved in the Service Plan	2
Overlapping of Services Not Authorized in Service Plan	1

Based on the procedures performed, the OMIG has determined A & T Healthcare was overpaid \$1,015.36 in sample overpayments with an extrapolated point estimate of \$41,021. The lower confidence limit of the amount overpaid is \$20,241.

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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 traumatic brain injury service 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 directed at ensuring provider compliance 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 Home and Community Based Services Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver Program

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## **OBJECTIVE, SCOPE, AND METHODOLOGY**

### **Objective**

The objective of our audit was to ensure A & T Healthcare's compliance 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 A & T Healthcare for traumatic brain injury services paid by Medicaid from January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2009. Our audit universe consisted of 4,040 claims totaling \$1,055,828.22.

During our audit, we did not review the overall internal control structure of A & T Healthcare. 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 A & T Healthcare's management personnel to gain an understanding of the Home and Community Based Services Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver Program;
- ran computer programming application of claims in our data warehouse that identified 4,040 paid traumatic brain injury service claims, totaling \$1,055,828.22;
- selected a random sample of 100 services from the population of 4,040 services; and,
- estimated the overpayment paid in the population of 4,040 services.

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

- Medicaid electronic claim information
- Patient record, including, but not limited to:
  - Notice Of Decisions (NOD's)
  - Initial/Revised Service Plans (ISP's/RSP's), and Addendums
  - Individual Service Reports (ISR's)
  - Case/Progress Notes

- Staff Qualifications and Training Files
- Training Manuals
- Payroll Records
- Federal Form 990
- Any additional documentation deemed by A & T Healthcare 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 and Mental Hygiene [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, HCBS/TBI Waiver Provider Manual, HCBS/TBI Waiver Program Manual (June 2006), HCBS/TBI Waiver Program Manual (April 2009), and applicable DOH Medicaid Updates.
- 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: "All bills for medical care, services and supplies shall contain: . . . (8) a dated certification by the provider that the care, services and supplies itemized have in fact been furnished; that the amounts listed are 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)*

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)*

Furthermore, according to regulations, all providers must prepare and maintain contemporaneous records demonstrating their right to receive payment under the medical assistance program. In addition, the provider must keep, for a period of six years, all records necessary to disclose the nature and extent of services furnished and the medical necessity therefore, including any prescription or fiscal order for the service or supply. This information is subject to audit for a period of six years and must be furnished, upon request.

*18 NYCRR Section 517.3(b)*

## DETAILED FINDINGS

The OMIG's review of Medicaid claims paid to A & T Healthcare from January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2009, identified 15 claims with at least one error, for a total sample overpayment of \$1,015.36 (Attachment C).

### Sample Selection

**1. TBI Training Not Completed – Home and Community Support Services**

17, 25, 29, 59, 90

The HCBS/TBI Waiver Program Manual states: "There are three components of required training for Waiver Service Providers: (1) Basic Orientation Training, (2) Service Specific Training, and (3) Annual Training. An approved provider agency is responsible for: developing a written training curriculum to meet the requirements identified in this section, ensuring that individuals providing the training meet the qualifications specified in this section; providing Basic Orientation Training and the appropriate Service Specific Training to all waiver providers prior to any unsupervised contact with a waiver participant; providing required annual training to all service providers; and documenting all training in the employee file, including all related TBI training, seminars and conferences attended, whether offered by the provider or other entities."

The HCBS/TBI Waiver Program Manual states: "All HCBS/TBI waiver service provider agencies are required to provide to their staff annual training which includes, at a minimum, the following information: 1. HCBS/TBI Incident Reporting Policy; 2. Review of all new policies and/or procedures required by the HCBS/TBI waiver; 3. Review of HCBS/TBI Participant Rights and Responsibilities; and 4. Additional topics relating to findings of satisfaction surveys, incident reports and additional training."

*HCBS/TBI Waiver Program Manual Effective June 2006 – Page 84 & 90*

In 5 instances pertaining to 4 participants, the documentation to support the necessary training requirements was missing from the employee's personnel file. Of these services, we found in 5 instances pertaining to 4 participants, the documentation of training did not meet annual requirements.

**2. Billed More Hours than Documented**

1, 50, 56

Regulations require that the Medicaid provider agrees, "to prepare and to maintain contemporaneous records demonstrating its right to receive payment under the medical assistance program and to keep for a period of six years... all records necessary to disclose the nature and extent of services furnished..."

The HCBS/TBI Waiver Program Manual states: "Record keeping to document Medicaid billing is required of all Medicaid providers. The need to maintain the necessary records is discussed in the Provider Agreement, the eMedNY Provider Manual and in this Program Manual. It is the responsibility of the provider to have clear and accurate documentation to support all Medicaid claims."

The HCBS/TBI Waiver Program Manual states: "The provider must document each encounter with the participant as required by Medicaid for reimbursement. Documentation must include the date, location, time and a description of the activities, which are related to the goals established in the Detailed Plan..."

*18 NYCRR Section 504.3(a); and  
HCBS/TBI Waiver Program Manual Effective June 2006 –  
Page 78& 79*

In 3 instances pertaining to 2 participants, the number of services hours billed exceeded the number of hours provided in the Agency's records.

**3. Partial Service Hours Were Billed Incorrectly**

9, 39, 45

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."

The HCBS/TBI Waiver Program Manual states: "HCSS services must be provided by a DOH approved provider and included in the Service Plan to be reimbursed. HCSS services are reimbursed on an hourly basis."

*18 NYCRR, Section 518.1(c); and  
HCBS/TBI Waiver Program Manual Effective June 2006 –  
Page 60*

In 3 instances pertaining to 2 participants, partial service hours were incorrectly billed. Of these services, we found in 3 instances pertaining to 2 participants, partial service hours were rounded up to the next whole hour rather than carried forward to the next service date.

**4. Billing From Program Schedule Rather Than Employee Report of Time**

43, 45

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."

The HCBS/TBI Waiver Program Manual states: "The provider must document each encounter with the participant as required by Medicaid for reimbursement. Documentation must include the date, location, time and a description of the activities, which are related to the goals established in the Detailed Plan. This information must be recorded as soon as possible after each contact and reviewed for completeness each month. All records must be maintained for seven years following termination of services to a participant."

*18 NYCRR Section 518.1(c); and  
HCBS/TBI Waiver Program Manual Effective June 2006 –  
Page 79*

In 2 instances pertaining to 2 participants, hours were billed based upon the participant's schedule of services rather than the employee's report of time.

**5. Billed More Hours than Approved in the Service Plan**

11, 66

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."

The HCBS/TBI Waiver Program Manual states: "The waiver is a prior approval program. No services can be provided without written prior approval from the RRDS [Regional Resource Development Specialists]. Services provided without RRDS approval are not eligible for reimbursement."

*18 NYCRR Section 518.1(c); and  
HCBS/TBI Waiver Program Manual Effective June 2006 –  
Page 36 & 37*

In 2 instances, Home and Community Support Service (HCSS) hours were billed in excess of those approved in the Service Plan

**6. Overlapping of Services Not Authorized in Service Plan 38**

Regulations require that the Medicaid provider agrees, "to prepare and to maintain contemporaneous records demonstrating its right to receive payment under the medical assistance program and to keep for a period of six years... all records necessary to disclose the nature and extent of services furnished..."

The HCBS/TBI Waiver Program Manual states: "The Service Plan must document any situation where two services must be provided at the same time to ensure consistent and effective service provision. Such situation must be clinically justified and time limited... The overlap of services must be documented in the Service Plan in order for both services to be reimbursed."

*18 NYCRR Section 504.3(a); and  
HCBS/TBI Waiver Program Manual Effective June 2006*

In 1 instance, there was no authorization in the Service Plan to support the overlap of services that were billed to, and reimbursed by, Medicaid.

## 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 lower confidence limit amount of \$20,241, 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 1237  
Albany, New York 12237-0048

**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 15% withhold after 20 days until the agreement is established.

Furthermore, 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  
[REDACTED]

**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 recover payment and liquidate the lower confidence limit 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.**

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 point estimate of \$41,021. 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, New York 12204

Questions regarding the request for a hearing should be directed to [REDACTED]  
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**

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**PROVIDER ID** ██████████

**AUDIT #10-5186**

**AMOUNT DUE: \$20,241**

**AUDIT**

**TYPE**

**PROVIDER**  
 **RATE**  
 **PART B**  
 **OTHER:**

**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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New York State Department of Health  
Medicaid Financial Management, B.A.M.  
GNARESP Corning Tower, Room 1237  
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*Thank you for your cooperation.*