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OFFICE OF THE MEDICAID INSPECTOR GENERAL

REVIEW OF METROPLUS HEALTH PLAN, INC.'S SUPPLEMENTAL MATERNITY AND NEWBORN CAPITATION PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF ENROLLEES WITHOUT CORRESPONDING ENCOUNTER DATA

FINAL AUDIT REPORT

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[redacted]
MetroPlus Health Plan, Inc.
160 Water Street, 3rd Floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Final Audit Report
Audit #: 12-5480
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. (Contractor) 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 Contractor's October 18, 2012 response to the OMIG's September 13, 2012 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 $642,100.10 to the total Medicaid overpayment shown in the Draft Audit Report. A detailed explanation can be found in the Findings section.

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/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 Contractor 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 the audit was to identify instances where the Contractor received a supplemental newborn and/or maternity capitation payment from Medicaid where no corresponding encounter data was reported by the Contractor for the services. The audit identified instances where the Contractor 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 of January 1, 2011, to December 31, 2011.

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 DOH. 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 DOH."

FINDINGS

A Draft Audit Report was issued September 13, 2012 identifying $642,100.10 in inappropriately billed claims for supplemental maternity or newborn capitation payments wherein the Contractor failed to submit encounter data. In its October 18, 2012 response to the Draft Audit Report the Contractor provided supporting documentation for the claims identified in the Draft Audit Report totaling $642,100.10 (Attachment I). The OMIG reviewed and accepted the documentation, reducing the overpayments in the Draft Audit Report by $642,100.10 (Attachment I). As a result, the findings in the Final Audit Report are $0.00.

HEARING RIGHTS

The Contractor 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 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 Contractor 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

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.

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

If you have any questions regarding the audit, please contact [redacted] at [redacted] or email at [redacted]

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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

Enclosures (1)
Attachment:

CERTIFIED MAIL #[redacted]
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED