

# **CMS Audit of OneCare**

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## **Audit Description**

- Comprehensive audit
  - ➤ Audit process involved 13 different organizations
- Audit methodology
  - ➤ Audit is designed to detect systemic problems
  - > Both targeted and random sampling are used
- Scope of audit
  - ➤ Effectiveness of compliance program
  - > Pharmacy formulary and benefit administration
  - Medical and drug coverage determination, appeals and grievances
  - > Enrollment process
  - > Adherence to the Model of Care



# **Audit Findings**

#### 57 audit findings

- ➤ 14 immediate corrective action required (ICAR) and 43 non-immediate corrective action required (CAR)
- ➤ Spanned across CalOptima, 11 health networks and pharmacy management company
- > Findings related to processes, payments and timeliness
- ➤ Highlighted that CalOptima must improve internal controls and oversight of delegated entities that perform these functions
- ➤ Enrollees experienced "...delays or denials in receiving covered medical services or prescription drugs, and increased out-of-pocket costs."
- CalOptima is accountable for resolving all deficiencies



### 14 Immediate Corrective Actions

- Pharmacy Management Company (PerformRx)
  - Inappropriately applied prescription drug quantity limits, impacting 52 beneficiaries
  - 2. Rejected formulary medications as not being on the formulary, impacting four beneficiaries
  - Missed deadlines to forward member appeal to CMS, impacting 19 beneficiaries
  - 4. Did not make reimbursement within 14 days, affecting one beneficiary
  - Inappropriately applied a prior authorization requirement, with no impact to any beneficiary
  - 6. Applied a prior authorization requirement for prescriptions where none was required, impacting one beneficiary [Continued]



### 14 Immediate Corrective Actions (Cont.)

- Pharmacy Management Company [Continued]
  - 7. Inappropriately denied prescriptions, affecting 446 beneficiaries
  - Misapplication of utilization management that resulted in denied coverage of medication for 26 beneficiaries
  - Did not follow procedures for over-the-phone authorization, impacting 57 beneficiaries
- OneCare Health Networks
  - 10. Did not process expedited appeals within 72 hours, affecting 42 beneficiaries
  - 11. Inappropriately denied payments by erroneously requiring an authorization for hospital admissions from the ER, affecting 106 beneficiaries

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### 14 Immediate Corrective Actions (Cont.)

#### OneCare Health Networks [Continued]

- 12. Remittance advice to providers did not state a reason for the denial or description of the appeals process, impacting 531 beneficiaries
- 13. Misclassified routine inquiries as grievances causing delays in resolution, affecting 36 beneficiaries

#### CalOptima

14. Did not forward an appeal to CMS independent review entity in a timely manner, impacting one member



### **Actions Taken to Date**

- Submitted 14 immediate corrective actions to CMS for approval on January 29
- Submitted action plans for resolving 43 non-immediate corrective actions to CMS on January 31
- Met with health network operations staff to review corrective actions
- Met with health network leadership to define expectations
- Met with pharmacy management company
- Rebuild of Compliance Department



### **Timeline for Future Actions**

- Prompts three additional audits
  - ➤ CMS follow-up audit no sooner than July 24, 2014
  - > DHCS audit of Medi-Cal program; date TBD
  - DMHC audit of CalOptima; date TBD
  - Six months to prepare for follow-up CMS audit
    - Implement remedies and test controls via mock audits
  - Immediate Next Steps
    - Contract with independent Medicare-experienced consultants to work with staff in resolving findings
    - Contract with consultant to perform mock audits and assess readiness for CMS follow-up audit



## **Audit Impact**

- Suspends all OneCare marketing and enrollment
  - Allows CalOptima to continue to administer OneCare for existing members
  - OneCare members must be notified about audit findings
- Delays Cal MediConnect launch until audit findings are resolved



## **Star Rating and Audit Results**

- Star rating measures clinical outcomes and member satisfaction
- Audit measures process and adherence to contractual and regulatory requirements

