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Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Ohio Department of Medicaid
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RE: Marcus L. Nichols, D.O. NPI: 1750350559
Program Year 2: Meaningful Use Stage 1 Year 1

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), on Dr. Marcus L. Nichols' (hereafter referred to as the Provider) compliance with the requirements of the Medicaid Provider Incentive Program (MPIP) for the year ended December 31, 2014. The Provider is responsible for compliance with the MPIP requirements. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of ODM. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures enumerated below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

1. We searched the Medicaid Information Technology System (MITS) and confirmed that the Provider had an active Ohio Medicaid Agreement during the patient volume and meaningful use attestation periods.
2. Using the Ohio e-license center, we verified the Provider type was the same as reported in MPIP and confirmed that the Provider was licensed to practice in Ohio during the patient volume and meaningful use attestation periods.
3. We reviewed the MPIP system and confirmed that the Provider underwent ODM's pre-payment approval process, was approved for incentive payment and received an incentive payment.

We compared the date of pre-payment approval with the date of the incentive payment and confirmed that pre-payment approval occurred prior to payment. In addition, we compared the payment amount with the MPIP payment schedule and confirmed that ODM issued the correct payment amount.

4. We obtained the list of all encounters during the original patient volume attestation period (April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014) from the Provider. We scanned the list and found duplicate encounters. We removed duplicates and recalculated encounters. We also verified that all payer sources were included in the encounter list and found no unrecorded encounters.

We found the Provider did not meet the 30 percent patient volume requirement (see procedure 5). The Provider selected an alternative patient volume attestation period (April 1, 2013 to June 30, 2013) and we performed the same duplicate scan and verified that all payers were included in the encounter list.

5. We compared the Medicaid encounters in the MPIP system with those from the Quality Decision Support System (QDSS) and the final Provider's encounters identified in procedure 4 to confirm if the MPIP data exceeded these two reports by 20 percent. We found variances exceeding 20 percent and recalculated the Medicaid patient volume using the Provider's Medicaid encounter list. The Provider did not meet the 30 percent patient volume requirement.

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We then compared the encounters from the alternate patient volume attestation period to a new QDSS report for the same period. We found no variances exceeding 20 percent and we recalculated the Medicaid patient volume using the Provider's Medicaid encounter list. The Provider met the 30 percent patient volume requirement.

6. We found that the location where the Provider worked was now using a newer version of the electronic health record (EHR) software reported in the MPIP system. The newer version of the software was able to produce reports showing the Provider's use in 2014. We verified that the newer version of the EHR software was approved by the Office of the National Coordinator of Health IT.
7. We confirmed the Provider's meaningful use report listed all encounters from one location and the location was listed in MITS.
8. We obtained supporting documentation for the core measures and compared it to the applicable criteria. For those measures that require only unique patients be counted, we scanned the detailed data and removed duplicate patients and recalculated the applicable measures. We found no exceptions.
9. We obtained supporting documentation for the menu measure and compared it to the applicable criteria and we confirmed if the minimum number of measures was met, including at least one public health menu measure. For those measures that require only unique patients be counted, we scanned the detailed data and found duplicate patients. We removed duplicate patients and recalculated the applicable measures. We found no exceptions.
10. We obtained supporting documentation for the clinical quality measures for the meaningful use attestation period and compared it to the applicable criteria and we confirmed if the minimum number of measures was met with at least one measure from three different domains. We found no exceptions.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' attestation standards. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Provider's compliance with the MPIP requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported. This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Provider and the ODM, and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than the specified parties.



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MARCUS NICHOLS

WASHINGTON COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

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