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Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Ohio Department of Medicaid
50 West Town Street, Suite 400
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Maureen L. Nowak, C.N.M. NPI: 1235402660
Program Year 1: Adopt, Implement or Upgrade

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM), on Maureen L. Nowak's (hereafter referred to as the Provider) compliance with the requirements of the Medicaid Provider Incentive Program (MPIP) for the year ended December 31, 2013. 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 reviewed the MPIP system and determined that the Provider met ODM's pre-payment approval requirements, 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 determined that pre-approval occurred prior to payment. In addition, we compared the payment amount with the MPIP payment schedule and determined that ODM issued the correct payment amount.

2. We reviewed information contained in the Ohio e-license center and verified the Provider's type and license to practice in Ohio during the patient volume attestation period.

We also searched the Provider's information as contained in the Medicaid Information Technology System and determined that the Provider had an active Ohio Medicaid Agreement during the patient volume attestation period.

3. We obtained the list of all encounters during the patient volume attestation period from the Provider. We scanned the list for any duplicate encounters. We also verified that all payers were included in the encounter list to identify any unrecorded encounters.

We removed duplicates and recalculated encounters. We found no unrecorded encounters.

4. ODM asked that we obtain the Medicaid encounters from Quality Decision Support System (QDSS) for the patient volume attestation period and compare this to both the Medicaid encounters reported by the Provider in the MPIP system and the Medicaid encounters provided in procedure 3 above.

We did not perform the comparison to QDSS data as the data did not identify the Provider as the practitioner rendering the service. We selected two Medicaid patient encounters from the Provider's encounter list and reviewed service documentation to verify that the Provider rendered these services.

We found no differences and used the Provider's encounter list in the calculation of patient volume (see procedure 5).

5. We calculated the Provider's Medicaid patient volume using data from procedures 3 and 4 above.

The Provider met the 30 percent patient volume requirement.

6. We found that the Provider's electronic health record (EHR) system was different than system reported in MPIP. We obtained an invoice to determine the EHR system selected by the Provider. We verified that the new EHR system was approved by the Office of the National Coordinator of Health IT.

Responsible Party's Written Representation

The Provider declined to submit a signed representation letter acknowledging responsibility for maintaining records and complying with applicable MPIP regulations; making available all documentation related to compliance; responding fully to our inquiries; reporting any non-compliance subsequent to the end of the engagement period; and disclosing all communications received from regulatory agencies alleging noncompliance with the Ohio MPIP rules.

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 requirements of the Medicaid Provider Incentive Program. 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 Ohio Department of Medicaid, and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

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August 10, 2017



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MAUREEN NOWAK

SUMMIT 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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SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**