

Compliance with Managed Care Contracts:

You Signed It -
Now You Have to Live With It

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Learning Objectives

- Introduce Elements of Managed Care Contracts
- Identify Compliance in Terms of Contracts, Manuals, Policies and Protocols
- Recognize The Distinctions Between Contract & Regulatory Compliance



Legal Compliance

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Fun With Contract Compliance



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Managed Care Contract Basics


- Most healthcare contracts will be managed care contracts
- General Types
 - Individual Provider, Facility or Ancillary
 - Medical or Behavioral
 - Medicaid Managed Care
 - Long Term Services & Support (LTSS)
 - Subcontractor



Contract Components


Parts ≠ Parts

- Contract Headings, Paragraphs
- Appendices and Attachments
- Incorporated materials
- State Specific / Customized Parts




Typical Headings

Payer 1 Example <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Definitions• Representations and Warranties• Applicability of this Agreement• Duties of Facility• Duties of Payer• Claims• Dispute Resolutions• Term & Termination• Miscellaneous	Payer 2 Example <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Definitions• Obligations of Provider• Confidentiality / Records• Insurance• Relationship of Parties• Indemnification and Liability• Dispute Resolution• Term & Termination• Miscellaneous
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Typical Appendices

Payer 1 Example <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facility Location and Service Listing• Benefit Plan Descriptions• Additional Manual Appendix• State Program Payer Appendix• State Regulatory Requirements Appendix	Payer 2 Example <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provider Network Attachment• Government Program Participation Attachment• Plan Compensation Schedule• Specific Practitioner Reimbursement Terms
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Contract Language

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Confidentiality Clause


- Confidentiality
 - Everything
 - Business Information
 - Rates
- Compliance Implications
 - Awareness
 - Limited Access



Incorporation of Other Sources





- Statutes, Regulations, etc.
- Provider Manuals, Protocols, Policies, etc.



Incorporating Manuals, Etc.

- Subject to Change
- Limited Notice
- Requires Constant Monitoring
- Consider Making A Part of Scorecards




Proof of Insurance Clauses

- Typical to Include Type and Amounts of Insurance
- Typical to Include Notification of changes
- Typical to Include Policy Language Protections
- Notice of Coverage


Notify Agent

Copy w/in 90 days


Annually or With Changes




Operations




- Government Programs May Require
 - Hours of Operation
 - Geographic Coverage
 - Time Limits from Contact to Appointments
 - Communication Assistance
 - Access Assistance
 - Nondiscrimination



Credentialing


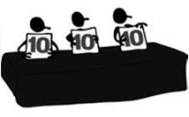


- Getting in Network
- Licensed / Certified Individually and Group
- If Government Programs, First with Government
- With Payer
- Renewals
- Tracking Essential




Patient Eligibility


- Requires Patient Eligibility at Time of Service and Before Service (except emergencies)
- Manuals, Policies, Procedures Control
- *Could Require Telephone or Internet Verification Systems*



Pre-Authorization




- Mandatory Participation
- Denial of Payment Penalty
- Heavy Reliance on Contract's "Medical Necessity"
- *May Require Extra Documentation*
- *Not the Final Word*




Utilization Management

- Mandatory Participation
- Can be
 - Prior Authorization
 - Concurrent Authorization
 - Retrospective Review
 - Corrective Action Plans
- *Sometimes Required Electronically*
- *Extra Documentation Requirements*





Quality Program

- "Will participate" in Payer's Quality Program and "All Procedures"
- "Shall comply" with Payer's Quality Improvement Programs
- "Shall implement" Quality Improvement Goals and Improvement Activities
- May Includes Traditional Quality with Availability, Access and Cooperation
- Announced or Unannounced Audits
- Additional Reports



Extended Treatment


- Prohibitions on Discharge from Service
- Extensions Beyond Termination of Contract

Regulatory Compliance

Payer Example


- Shall Comply with All Laws & Regulations
- Shall Comply with All Policies, Procedures & Programs
- Shall Report all Actual or Suspected Fraud, Waste, Abuse, "Criminal Acts" and "Misconduct" By Providers, Employees, Subcontractors and Members
- Shall Participate in Payer's Compliance Training
- Shall Cooperate with Payer's Compliance Program
- Shall Cooperate with Audits
- Shall Produce all Records Upon Request
- Responsible for All Subcontractors and "Downstream Providers"
- Records to Prove It




Regulatory Compliance

One Payer Example

- Compliance & Fraud Policies Similar to that of Payer
- Standards of Conduct Similar to that of Payer
- Disseminate Both w/in 90 days of hire and annually thereafter
- Complete CMS Medicare Learning Network® Fraud, Waste & Abuse + General Compliance Training w/in 90 days and annually thereafter




Payer Example (continued)





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- Processes to Oversee and Ensure that Provider and Provider's Downstream Entities Maintain Compliance
- Ensure Performance of Both Provider and Downstream Entities Consistent with The Agreement
- Including Discipline & Corrective Action

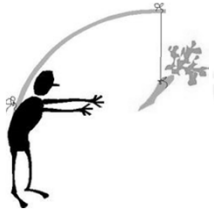


Documentation


- Obtain Patient Consent for Managed Care Access
- Any Reports and Clinical Information
- "Additional information, data, or reports"
- Medical Records Must Be "Legible, Signed and Dated"
- Retention Periods Differ

Billings





- Clean Claims – “includes all necessary supporting documents”
- Submitted w/in Time Limits
- Tracking Denials, Appeals




Marketing

- Use of Provider’s or Payer’s Name, Logos, Trademarks, etc.
- Non-disparagement Clauses
- “Shall not market or advertise non-health related products to Medicare Members”
- Notice on Termination



- Other Requirements
 - Excluded employees, contractors, etc.
 - Government Program Third Party Liability
 - Encounter Data / Utilization Reports
 - Critical Incident and Health Care Acquired / Preventable Condition Reporting
 - Certificate of Ownerships / Compliance
 - Terms and Termination




Business Operation Provisions

- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Changes in Ownership / Operation
- New Locations
- Financial Matters

May Require Notice



Timelines Vary

May Require Approval



Relationships

- Strong Relationships Are Critical to Success

Thank You

Questions?

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