

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU SUSPECT MEDICAID FRAUD

WHAT IS MEDICAID FRAUD?

Medicaid fraud occurs when doctors, dentists, health care professionals or even patients attempt to defraud the Medicaid system.



PHANTOM BILLING

Billing for services not performed



DOUBLE BILLING

Billing twice for the same service



UPCODING

Billing for more expensive services



UNBUNDLING

Billing for several services that should be combined as one service



EMBEZZLEMENT & KICKBACKS

Taking or accepting funds for medical services



FALSIFYING TIME SHEETS

Exaggerating about time spent rendering services to patients



PHYSICIAN SELF-REFERRALS

Under the Stark Law, physicians may not make referrals to entities with which they, or their immediate family members - have a financial relationship

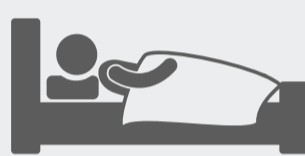
WHO'S AT RISK OF MEDICAID FRAUD?



ELDERLY PATIENTS OVER AGE 60



NURSING HOME RESIDENTS



HOME-BOUND PATIENTS



MENTALLY ILL PATIENTS

HOW TO SPOT MEDICAID FRAUD

Ask yourself these two questions to discover if you have witnessed Medicaid fraud:



Have you noticed inconsistencies in Medicaid billing information?



Are you aware of unnecessary medical treatment?

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I SUSPECT MEDICAID FRAUD?



DO NOT CONTACT

the doctor or medical professional who committed the fraud

If a doctor refuses to do so, ask them to put their

REFUSAL IN WRITING



REQUEST

written copies of billing records & medical records

Contact a Medicaid **FRAUD ATTORNEY** at Brewer & Pritchard



Doctors, dentists, and other health care professionals who try to defraud the Medicaid system

NEED TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS!

Contact Brewer & Pritchard at 800-445-8710

to speak with an experienced Medicaid fraud attorney today

SOURCES

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, "Physician Self-Referral" <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Fraud-and-Abuse/PhysicianSelfReferral/index.html?redirect=/Physicianselfreferral/>

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