Method for establishing Employee Education Of False Claim Policies and Procedures

- 1. The Department will query the Decision Support System (DSS) for FFY 2006 Fee-for-Service and Encounter Data as of January 1, 2007 to identify entities for the purposes of section 6032 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 with distinct Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) receiving over \$5,000,000.
- 2. Each entity from the query in step 1, will be sent a provider letter reminding them that their provider agreement requires them to comply with all applicable State and Federal laws and advising them that the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 section 6032 contains a new requirement that must be met. Any entity paid through the Medicaid FMAP signs the aforementioned provider agreements in order to receive a provider number and the ability to bill. This includes Passport, Transportation Brokers, and other state agencies. The letter will include a form that must be signed and returned certifying that they meet the following requirements from section 1902(a)(68) of the Social Security Act:
 - A. Establish written policies for all employees of the entity (including management), and of any contractor or agent of the entity, that provide detailed information about the False Claims Act established under sections 3729 through 3733 of title 31, United States Code, administrative remedies for false claims and statements established under chapter 38 of title 31, United States Code, any State laws pertaining to civil or criminal penalties for false claims and statements, and whistleblower protections under such laws, with respect to the role of such laws in preventing and detecting fraud, waste, and abuse in Federal health care programs(as defined in section 1128B(f));
 - B. include as part of such written policies, detailed provisions regarding the entity's policies and procedures for detecting and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse; and
 - C. include in any employee handbook for the entity, a specific discussion of the laws described in subparagraph (A), the rights of employees to be protected as whistleblowers, and the entity's policies and procedures for detecting and preventing fraud, waste, and abuse;
- 3. The entities will attach relevant documents in meeting the requirements from 1902(a)(68) of the Social Security Act. Relevant documents include but are not limited to policy memos, employee handbook, and any document that demonstrates how the entity satisfies the requirements. Responses will be due to the Department by September 1, 2007.
- 4. The Department will evaluate the entities responses, and certify the response as valid or state the reasons the conditions were not met in a response back to the entity by December 31, 2007.
- 5. For future years beginning with FFY 2009, a reassessment will occur at least every three years to ensure compliance with 1902(a)(68) of the Social Security Act. The following deadlines will apply in the given year:
 - A. Un-duplicated providers from the previous FFY's DSS query meeting the same criteria in step 1 as of January 1 following the end of the respective FFY will be sent the entity letters from step 2 by March 31 of the respective year;
 - B. Entity response to the letter will be due by June 30 of the respective year; and
 - C. The Department will send the response to the entity by September 30 of the respective year. The Department letter will validate the entities response' or state the reasons the conditions were not met.

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