

RCW 74.09.890 Medicaid program integrity—Administrative oversight—Strategic plan—Best practices. (1) The authority shall provide administrative oversight for all funds received under the medical assistance program, as codified in Title XIX of the federal social security act, the state children's health insurance program, as codified in Title XXI of the federal social security act, and any other federal medicaid funding to ensure that:

(a) All funds are spent according to federal and state laws and regulations;

(b) Delivery of services aligns with federal statutes and regulations;

(c) Corrective action plans are put in place if expenditures or services do not align with federal requirements; and

(d) Sound fiscal stewardship of medicaid funding in all agencies where medicaid funding is provided.

(2) The authority shall develop a strategic plan and performance measures for medicaid program integrity. The strategic plan must include stated strategic goals, agreed-upon objectives, performance measures, and a system to monitor progress and hold responsible parties accountable. In developing the strategic plan, the authority shall create a management information and reporting strategy with performance measures and management reports.

(3) The authority shall oversee the medicaid program resources of any state agency expending medicaid funding, including but not limited to:

(a) Regularly reviewing delegated work;

(b) Jointly reviewing required reports on terminated or sanctioned providers, compliance data, and application data;

(c) Requiring assurances that operational functions have been implemented;

(d) Reviewing audits performed on the sister state agency; and

(e) Assisting with risk assessments, setting goals, and developing policies and procedures.

(4) The authority shall develop and maintain a single, statewide medicaid fraud and abuse prevention plan consistent with the national medicaid fraud and abuse initiative or current federal best practice as recognized by the centers for medicare and medicaid services.

(5) The authority must follow best practices for identifying improper medicaid spending when implementing its program integrity activities, including but not limited to:

(a) Conducting risk assessments or evaluating leads with established risk factors;

(b) Relying on data analytics to generate leads;

(c) Conducting a preliminary review of incoming leads, which includes analyzing data about the lead and may include reviewing records such as billing histories;

(d) Determining the credibility of all allegations of potential fraud prior to referral to the state's medicaid fraud control unit;

(e) Analyzing all leads under review by the state's managed care organizations;

(f) Working with federally recognized experts that help state integrity programs improve their data analytics and identify potential fraud across medicare and medicaid such as unified program integrity contractors; and

(g) Maintaining a current fraud and abuse detection system.

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Intent—Finding—2023 c 439: See note following RCW 74.04.050.