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Proactive Planning	Contact person needs to share audit notification package timely to avoid delays in notification and receipt of questionnaire Reviewee does not proactively plan or prepare for the review which impacts the ability to move forward as scheduled	 Contact information should be accurate and properly maintained; contact person promptly shares the audit notification package with appropriate stakeholders Reviewee understands that the review begins once the Audit Notification Package is received Appropriate planning for the review requires effort prior to the entrance conference, including identifying appropriate professionals to participate, discussing initial data extraction questions, etc.
Continuous Communication and Commitmen to Review	Professionals involved are not responsive and/or not t being forthright with information	 Status documents (e.g. status trackers, dashboards, milestone documents, etc.) and emails should be reviewed and responded to in a timely manner to help ensure all stakeholders are on the same page Any delays anticipated in advance should be communicated as soon as possible to KPMG and DOH Cooperation and professionalism are displayed by all parties involved in an effort to move the review forward

Common Challenges and Better Practices



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Complete Questionnaire Responses	Reviewee does not provide sufficient or complete responses to questionnaire which may result in delays and/or inappropriate testing methodologies	 Work on the Questionnaire should begin upon receipt which enables sufficient time to ask any questions about the document, loop in appropriate professionals to assist with completion, and provide complete and detailed responses as necessary. Completed Questionnaire should be able to stand on its own without further explanation.
Timely and Complete Data Data and accompanying Data Representation Letter is not provided in a timely manner or is not complete which causes significant delays	 Any questions related to the data extraction should be asked early on in the process 	
	is not complete which causes	 Reviewee understands the data blueprint provided is ONLY a guide; all data fields utilized for HCRA calculations and those necessary to pull supporting documentation (if it should be needed) should be provided
		 Reviewee and KPMG will work together to review sample data prior to deadlines in order to help ensure data is transferred in a workable format
		- Complete and clear data dictionary should be provided with the data
		 Unaltered Data Representation Letter is printed on Provider letterhea and provided with appropriate authorization at the time the data is delivered

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Clear Reconciliation	Reviewee cannot provide a clear reconciliation from its audited financial statements to the data provided	 Providers need to be able to coordinate the appropriate financial and operational professionals in order to provide a crosswalk to the contro totals in the data provided to the dollars recorded on the entity's audited financial statements for claims Clear explanations for any reconciling items are provided and sufficient evidence supports each material amount
Other Billing Systems	Discretely billed physicians, ambulatory services or other services billed outside of the Provider's main system need to be identified and vetted in an effort to ensure no applicable HCRA surcharges apply	 With accurate and detailed answers to the Questionnaire, any of the additional billing systems utilized by the Provider will be identified and properly vetted Provider will provide details of what types of services are billed for under the 'other' systems and if necessary provide supporting documentation to enable KPMG to gain comfort that it is not applicable to the review
Approved Testing Methodologies	Testing methodologies are not adequately reviewed prior to commencement and completion of testwork	 Reviewee takes the time required to review the testing methodologies provided and provide necessary feedback Once approved, testing methodologies utilized to complete testwork will not need to be revised

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Sufficient Supporting Documentation	Supporting documentation is not made available to corroborate statements made by the Provider	 Any statements made by the provider, especially as it relates to payor determinations, should be appropriately supported with documentation that demonstrates the statement
Generic Payor Names	Systems utilized categorize a significant number of payor names under a generic payor name (e.g. commercial miscellaneous) and the actual unique payor names are not provided with the initial data extraction	 Any generic payor names are broken down to provide actual payor information so that a determination can be made on each as to their election status Supporting documentation will need to be provided to tie any supplementary data to the original data provided
Out of State Workers Compensation and No Fault	Reviewee considers all workers compensation and no fault revenue as direct	 It should not be assumed that all workers compensation and no fault related revenue should be treated as direct Workers Compensation and No Fault that are provided by a third party insurer should be broken down by insurer name in order to identify whether the applicable payor is direct or non-direct. In the case where the state itself is the risk bearer, then the surcharge percentage would be based upon the election status of that State.

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Medicare & Medicaid	Reviewee does not remit surcharge on Medicare Self-Pay payments related	 Medicare Self-Pay payments related to non-covered services and exhausted benefits should be identified in the data provided
	to non-covered services or exhausted benefits	 Provider must be able to determine if a Medicaid claim is for an out-of- state plan since the applicable surcharge percentage is contingent upon that state's election status. Payments made under New York State
	Reviewee considers all Medicaid revenue as direct without regard to New York State or out-of-state	Medicaid are at a reduced rate, applicable only to New York State Medicaid.
Foreign Patient Payments	Reviewee does not remit surcharge on foreign national or foreign government employee payments received.	 Not all foreign national or foreign governmental employees are exempt from paying surcharges; ONLY foreign diplomatic missions covered by Vienna convention which are self-insured for purposes of providing healtl insurance coverage to their employees are considered exempt from HCRA surcharge
	Reviewee does not remit surcharges on revenue received for services provided to a foreign patient.	If a foreign patient without insurance coverage receives services from a HCRA designated provider, the patient is assessable at the self-pay rate Payments received directly from foreign governments are considered "unspecified payors" under HCRA and are not obligated to elect. Providers should assess the unspecified payor surcharge rate on their claims to foreign governments. Regardless, providers are obligated to remit the surcharge to the Pool. Payments received from foreign insurance companies are subject to the surcharge percentage based on their election status





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Discretely Billed Physicians	Some patient revenue for hospital services may pass though physician billing system and vice versa	 In order to be considered non-surchargeable physicians must be private practicing AND discretely billed. Hospital salaried physicians are NOT considered to be private practicing. The structure of a Provider's Physician Practice should be made clear in the responses to the Questionnaire; in addition, supporting documentation may be required to confirm that the revenues generated by the physician practice and discretely billed do not roll into the hospital
Blue Cross Blue Shield Interplan Agreement	It is not clear whether payments from Blue Cross Blue Shield are processed through the Interplan Agreement.	 Provider is able to distinguish between payments received through ITS system for Blue Cross Blue Shield plans and payments received directly from Blue Cross Blue Shield as the payments received directly from Blue Cross Blue Shield may be considered direct or non-direct based on their election status



