

**FEDERAL/STATE PARTNERSHIPS  
CMS-CENTERS FOR PROGRAM  
INTEGRITY AND FLORIDA  
MEDICAID PROGRAM INTEGRITY**

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# THE PARTNERSHIP

- ***F.S. 409.913 Oversight of the integrity of the Medicaid program.--The agency shall operate a program to oversee the activities of Florida Medicaid recipients, and providers and their representatives, to ensure that fraudulent and abusive behavior and neglect of recipients occur to the minimum extent possible, and to recover overpayments and impose sanctions as appropriate.***
- ***Within CMS, the Medicaid Integrity Group (MIG) is responsible for implementing the Medicaid Integrity Program (MIP). One of the statutory requirements of the MIG is to provide technical assistance (TA) and support to State Medicaid programs.***

# OVERVIEW OF JOINT PROJECTS 2007 TO PRESENT

- 2 DME projects focusing on overbilling for Nebulizers for children and Oxygen Concentrators
- 5 Home Health Agency projects
- 4 Assisted Living Facilities/Adult Family Care Homes projects
- 2 investigations of group homes for persons with developmental disabilities

# DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT (DME)

OCT. 2007

- Investigation saved the Florida Medicaid program an estimated \$3.1 million in fiscal year 2007-08
- 40 Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) referrals
- Targeted 17 Durable Medical Equipment (DME) companies
- Investigated 200 providers & 561 recipients interviewed
- 47 total investigators and 7 from the MIG group

# HOME HEALTH AGENCY HOME HEALTH AIDE VISITS (5 PROJECTS)

JAN. 2008 TO OCT. 2010

- Targeted 32 HHA's
- Investigated 412 physicians
- Interviewed 499 Recipients
- Most labor intensive to date
- 115 state investigators
- 48 MIG Investigators
- \$38.2 million in cost savings
- \$89,500 administrative fines

# OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR PROJECT (DME)

**MAR. 2011**

- Targeted 11 DME's
- Interviewed 85 Recipients
- Medicaid reimbursements for oxygen concentrators exceeded \$1.6 million in Miami-Dade County
- 10 of 11 DME suppliers reviewed were found to have issues
- \$24,000 in fines, \$30,255 in paid claims reversals
- 20 State and 10 MIG investigators

# TRI-COUNTY DD WAIVER PROJECT

## (GROUP HOMES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED)

### SEPT. 2011

- \$87,000 in administrative fines
- 16 state and 9 MIG investigators
- 52 of the top billing group homes targeted for site visits in Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties
- Medicaid reimbursement for group homes exceeded \$200 million in Florida, with over half the spending in the 3 targeted counties

# MIAMI DD WAIVER PROJECT

(GROUP HOMES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED)

APR. 2013

- \$32,000 in sanctions were levied
- 25 referrals made to other state agencies
- 56 top group homes targeted for site visits
- 25 state and 7 MIG investigators



# ALF-AFCH PROJECT (ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES AND ADULT FAMILY CARE HOMES)

DEC. 2011 TO MAR. 2013

- \$1.2 million in administrative fines
- Multiple actions also taken including 2 referrals to Fire Marshall, 2 referrals for abuse and neglect, 4 for unsanitary conditions, 2 for structural & electrical wiring issues in the facility
- Targeted 259 assistive care services providers
- 89 state and 26 MIG investigators
- \$134,000 in claims reversals

# Inspectors find adult care facility violations...

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# JOINT FIELD INITIATIVES IN FLORIDA HAVE BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL, SOME ASSETS ARE:

Building relationships with Federal partners to fight fraud, waste, and abuse

- Experienced State and MIG staff (investigators, nurses, and auditors)
- Protecting our beneficiaries
  - Saving lives
  - Improving quality of care
  - Educating our provider community
- Development of stronger policies
- Identifying improper payments
- Return on Investment (ROI)



# Questions

