




The Industry Insider...



The RAC Attacks are in full swing! It's
not a matter of IF you are going to be
audited, but WHEN...





The RAC Bandwagon - Everyone's jumping on...

For months now we have been warning our clients about being audited by RAC. Now there are new threats! After seeing how much money that Medicare recovered from doing their audits, commercial companies such as Horizon and Aetna have jumped on board and started conducting their own private audits as well.

We have been writing about the “RAC Attacks” for months now and we have done our research and found a lot of great policies that will protect you...it only takes one audit to ruin your practice. More and more our clients have been calling and talking to our risk managers about how they have been audited and how they are scared of losing everything.

Adding more fuel to this fire, Medicare has initiated a prepayment review for all claims with the codes: 99204 and 99205. A recent widespread post payment audit showed that 73% of new patient office or outpatient visits with these codes were billed incorrectly. For any claims sent in, requests will be sent to the provider requesting copies of the medical record before any payment is made.

They are looking for supporting content to justify these levels of services and signature legibility and meeting the “incident to” guidelines, among other things mentioned. All specialties affecting providers in the states of; Delaware, District of Columbia Metropolitan Area, Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. For more information you can go to this link:

<https://www.highmarkmedicareservices.com/bulletins/partb/news09202010.html>

So now is the time to get coverage and a lot of the carriers we work with are realizing that! For instance, MD Advantage recently launched a new program where they are offering a new level of protection to those doctor's that are currently insured with them. At no additional cost, they added Employment Practice Liability Insurance, Privacy and Data Security Insurance, and Medical Practice Administration Insurance (which covers RAC audits) to their professional liability policies. This can also be bought as a stand alone policy. This is just one of the policies out there that will protect you against RAC audits.

For more information call our toll-free number, 1-800-347-3417 or visit our website at www.mbsinsure.com.

Don't hesitate! It's not a matter of IF you'll be audited, but WHEN.