

**NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF HEALTH PLAN CONTRACTING AND OVERSIGHT
ARTICLES 44 AND 49 STATEMENT OF DEFICIENCIES**

NAME OF MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION MVP Health Plan, Inc.	TYPE OF SURVEY: Behavioral Health Claims Denial Root Cause Analysis Target Survey
STREET ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE 625 State Street Schenectady, NY 12305	SURVEY DATES: August 12, 2020 – January 15, 2021 Survey ID #: 1594144341

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Part 98-1.12(i)
The quality assurance activities shall include the development of timely and appropriate recommendations. For problems in health care administration and delivery to enrollees that are identified, the MCO must demonstrate an operational mechanism for responding to those problems. Such a mechanism should include: (1) development of appropriate recommendations for corrective action or, when no action is indicated, an appropriate response; (2) assignment of responsibility at the appropriate level or with the appropriate person for the implementation of the recommendation; and (3) implementation of action which is appropriate to the subject or problem in health care administration and delivery to enrollees.

Deficiency:

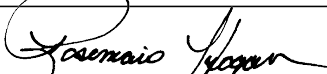
Based on review of documents, Plan-reported claims data, and interviews with MVP staff on August 12, 2020, the Plan failed to effectively implement their Plan of Correction (POC) developed in response to the previous survey by paying claims at less than the New York State (NYS) mandated government rates due to configuration errors. MVP failed to update their system with required Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS), Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Programs (CPEP), and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) contracted rates resulting in underpayment to the provider for 26% of MVP paid claims reviewed within the period of October 1, 2019- March 31, 2020.

MVP will be taking all the following actions as part of this Plan of Correction:

System Configuration Plan of Correction – System configuration has been updated to reimburse the mandated government rates: The root cause analysis identified configuration gaps with Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS), Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Programs (CPEP), and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS). System configuration was reviewed and updated to reimburse the mandated government rates.

Timeline: Configuration updates were completed September 23, 2020

Responsible Person: Richard Santilli, Senior Leader Commercial, Government Programs, and Integrated Health.

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<p>Findings include:</p> <p>Review of Plan-reported claims data submitted on July 22, 2020 revealed 26% of paid claims reviewed between October 1, 2019- March 31, 2020 were underpaid the government for PROS, CPEP, Adult BH HCBS. This was confirmed by MVP during an August 12, 2020 interview. During this interview, Office of Mental Health (OMH) requested MVP to review additional claims paid for the period of January 1, 2020- August 12, 2020 and provide the scope of the issue. On August 21, 2020, MVP submitted a report identifying an additional 457 claims requiring adjustments due to underpayment.</p> <p>MVP's POC included the intent to terminate with the BH Vendor and bring all management functions, including claims processing for dates of service January 1, 2020 and beyond under the management of MVP effective January 1, 2020. During the August 12, 2020 interview and subsequent documentation, MVP confirmed the error for incorrect payment of all claims identified as underpaid within the survey period.</p> <p>Based on the findings above, MVP failed to implement appropriate actions to correct inappropriate claims payment and as a result, demonstrates it does not maintain an effective quality management program consistent with NYS regulations.</p>	<p><u>Claim Payment Plan of Correction - Personalized Recovery Oriented Services (PROS), Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Programs (CPEP), and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) claims were underpaid:</u> MVP conducted a root cause analysis to identify the cause of the pricing errors and then further identified the impacted claims. Impacted claims were adjusted to pay the correct NYS benchmark rate including interest.</p> <p><u>Timeline:</u> Claim Adjustments and applicable interest payments were completed September 1, 2020</p> <p><u>Responsible Person:</u> Richard Santilli, Senior Leader Commercial, Government Programs, and Integrated Health.</p> <p><u>Education and Training Plan of Correction - Examiner education conducted:</u> MVP conducted one-on-one examiner education and issued a training notice to all examiners. System configuration has significantly reduced the need for manual pricing for these services.</p> <p><u>Timeline:</u> One-on-one examiner training was conducted and a training notice was issued to all examiners as of August 24, 2020</p>
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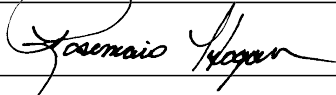
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<p>Chapter 57 of the Laws of 2017, Part P, 48-a.1</p> <p>§ 48-a. 1. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the commissioners of the office of alcoholism and substance abuse services and the office of mental health is authorized, subject to the approval of the director of the budget, to transfer to the commissioner of health state funds to be utilized as the state share for the purpose of increasing payments under the Medicaid program to managed care organizations licensed under article 44 of the public health law or under article 43 of the insurance law. Such managed care organizations shall utilize such funds for the purpose of reimbursing providers licensed pursuant to article 28 of the public health law or article 31 or 32 of the mental hygiene law for ambulatory behavioral health services, as determined by the commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioner of alcoholism and substance abuse services and the commissioner of the office of mental health provided to Medicaid enrolled outpatients and for all other behavioral health services except inpatient included in New York state's Medicaid redesign waiver approved by the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services (CMS).</p>	<p>Responsible Person: Richard Santilli, Senior Leader Commercial, Government Programs, and Integrated Health.</p> <p>Quality Management Program Plan of Correction - Monitoring of Government Rates: To ensure compliance with this requirement, MVP will create a policy for monitoring claim payments against government rates which will include accountabilities from the point NYS changes are published through system updates and quality control processes referenced herein.</p> <p>Previous errors were identified and significantly reduced by system enhancements allowing for automated pricing utilizing accurate rate codes.</p> <p>Monitoring Process: Claim Operations will review audit results and complete root cause analysis on any samples that fail to pass internal audit thresholds.</p> <p>For systematic failures, where appropriate configuration updates are requested, the Configuration Analyst will complete the required configuration updates and request a retrospective claim report to identify any other impacted claim volume(s) for adjustment.</p>


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35.1 Contractor and SDOH Compliance With Applicable Laws

Notwithstanding any inconsistent provisions in this Agreement, the Contractor and SDOH shall comply with all applicable requirements of the State Public Health Law; the State Social Services Law; the State Finance Law; the State Mental Hygiene Law; the State Insurance Law; Title XIX of the Social Security Act; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 45 CFR Part 80, as amended; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and 45 CFR Part 84, as amended; the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 and 45 CFR Part 91, as amended; the ADA; Title XIII of the Federal Public Health Services Act, 42 U.S.C § 300e et seq., regulations promulgated thereunder; the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-191) and related regulations; the Federal False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 et seq.; Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008, (P.L. 110-345);for Contractors operating in New York City, the New York City Health Code; and all other applicable legal and regulatory requirements in effect at the time that this Agreement is signed and as adopted or amended during the term of this Agreement. The parties agree that this Agreement shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of New York.

10.21 Mental Health Services

d) The Contractor shall reimburse any OMH licensed provider, including out of network providers, at Medicaid Fee for Service rates for 24 months from the effective date of the Behavioral Health Benefit Inclusion in each geographic service area for ambulatory mental health services provided to Enrollees.

Finding:

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