



Fraud, Waste, and Abuse: Anti-Kickback Training

Provider Partnership Management

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Core of the Anti-Kickback Statute

- Prohibits anyone from purposefully **offering, soliciting or receiving anything of value to generate referrals for items or services** payable by any Federal healthcare program.
- Forty-two states (including Nebraska) and D.C. have enacted their own anti-kickback statutes.

Remuneration

- Anything of value
- “In-cash or In-kind”
- Paid directly or indirectly
- Examples: cash, free goods or services, discounts, below market rent, relief of financial obligations



Fines and Penalties

Criminal:

- Felony, imprisonment up to five years and a fine up to \$25,000 or both
- Mandatory exclusion from participating in Federal healthcare programs

Civil:

- A violation of the Anti-Kickback Statute constitutes a false or fraudulent claim under the Civil False Claims Act (penalties are the same as under the False Claims Act)

Report Violations

In addition to reporting to State and Federal Agencies, you may report violations, misconduct, or issues of non-compliance (without fear of retaliation) to:

- The Compliance Officer at 1-844-385-2192 (TTY 711).
- You may also send an email to NTC-Compliance@NebraskaTotalCare.com.

Ethics & Compliance Helpline: 1-800-345-1642

Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Hotline: 1-866-685-8664

Report Violations (continued)

Health Facility Investigations contact information: 1-402-471-0316

Nebraska Attorney General's Office: 1-800-727-6432

The Nebraska Medicaid Program Integrity Office: 1-402-471-1718

Office of Inspector General Online Complaint Form:

nebraska.gov/apps-ago-complaints/

Department of Financial Services – Division of Insurance Fraud:

doi.nebraska.gov/insurers/fraud

Online Complaint Form (PDF):

doi.nebraska.gov/sites/doi.nebraska.gov/files/doc/Fraud%20Contact%20Form.pdf

Test Your Knowledge

Dr. Jane Doe is a new provider in the area. John Smith is the CEO of ABC Hospital. He is offering below market value or free office space rental to providers in an effort to encourage them to refer their patients to the hospital. Then, he bills Medicare for the services performed by these providers. This is an okay and acceptable practice.

A) True

B) False

Answer: B) FALSE

What the CEO is doing violates the Anti-Kickback Statute.

Conclusion

“It is the policy of Centene Corporation to conduct its business affairs in accordance with the standards and rules of ethical business conduct and to abide by applicable laws, both in letter and spirit. In this, there is no room for compromise.”

-Michael F. Neidorff

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer