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Medicare lien resolution service now includes MAPs

Recent appellate court cases nationwide are finding private health insurance carriers that provide Medicare Advantage Plans (MAPs) hold the same recovery rights as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). This is leading to increased MAP recovery efforts by private health insurers. To help our clients respond to the changing Medicare Advantage landscape, Sedgwick has expanded our Medicare lien resolution (MLR) service.

Many of our clients and carrier partners rely on our Medicare unit to obtain Medicare lien information from CMS prior to settlement. On April 1, we expanded this service to include MAPs *where appropriate and necessary*.

To ensure our service is only provided where necessary, we check a database to determine if the injured worker is currently enrolled in an MAP. If so, we begin the MAP service as outlined below. If not, the file is not charged for any MAP service.

Our new MAP lien resolution service

- In addition to our traditional MLR service and fee, each MLR referral will be reviewed to determine if the injured worker has an MAP. This MAP check will be done at no charge to the client on all Medicare lien referrals.
 - If an MAP is found, a request will be made directly to the private health insurance provider to obtain the lien information.
 - There will be a charge of \$125 due to the labor associated with working with the MAP to obtain the proper conditional payment information.
- Upon obtaining the information, the conditional payment amount and items will be reviewed for accuracy.
- In the event the information is found to be inaccurate, our unit will initiate the necessary dispute and negotiation process with the private insurance carrier. There will be an additional charge of \$250 for this service.

If you have any questions about MAPs or Sedgwick's expanded service, please contact your client services director.

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