

Report in Brief

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Why OIG Did This Review

Provider-preventable conditions (PPCs) are certain reasonably-preventable conditions caused by medical accidents or errors in a health care setting. PPCs include two categories of conditions: health-care-acquired conditions (HCACs) and Other PPCs.

Federal statute and regulations prohibit Medicaid payments for services related to PPCs. Our objective was to determine whether Oklahoma claimed Federal Medicaid reimbursement for inpatient hospital services related to treating certain PPCs.

Oklahoma pays Medicaid inpatient hospital claims using one of these payment methods: diagnosis-related group (DRG) or level of care (LOC).

This review is one in a series of Office of Inspector General reviews of States' Medicaid payments for inpatient hospital services related to PPCs.

How OIG Did This Review

From July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, Oklahoma claimed \$118.8 million for Medicaid inpatient hospital services. We analyzed the Medicaid paid claims that contained PPCs.

Oklahoma Did Not Have Procedures to Identify Provider-Preventable Conditions on Some Inpatient Hospital Claims

What OIG Found

Oklahoma appropriately processed and claimed Federal reimbursement for DRG claims with HCACs. However, Oklahoma did not develop procedures to evaluate LOC claims for HCACs. As a result, we could not determine whether it appropriately claimed Federal reimbursement for these LOC claims.

Oklahoma complied with Federal and State requirements by not claiming Federal reimbursement for Other PPCs.

What OIG Recommends and State Agency Comments

We recommend that Oklahoma develop procedures to evaluate LOC claims for HCACs and determine whether payments should be reduced.

In written comments on our draft report, Oklahoma concurred with our recommendation.