

# The Nuts and Bolts of the Surveillance Utilization Review Section (SURS)



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### What is SURS?

Surveillance Utilization Review Section (SURS) is a federally mandated program [42 CFR, Part 456.3]

The program maintains a strong commitment to assure that the right provider is receiving the right payment for the right services at the right time. We identify potential fraud, waste and abuse to ensure that State and Federal monies are spent appropriately.



# We accomplish this by:

- performing retrospective reviews
- educating providers
- recovering overpayments if indicated



# The Medicaid Processing System

- Claims processing system includes numerous edits
  - To identify most billing errors
  - It doesn't detect all errors





# The Medicaid Processing System

- Some claims are paid in error
  - due to incorrect billing
  - system complications
- ALL paid claims are subject to retrospective review
  - this includes prior authorized claims





# Overpayment Recovery

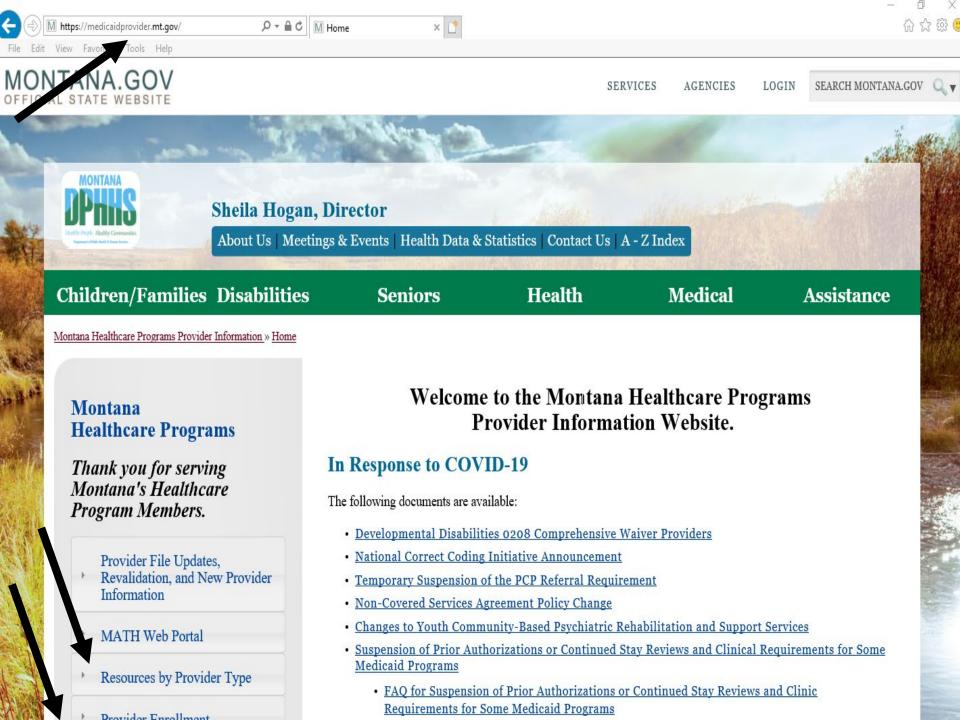
- If it discovers that the provider was not entitled to payment for any reason.
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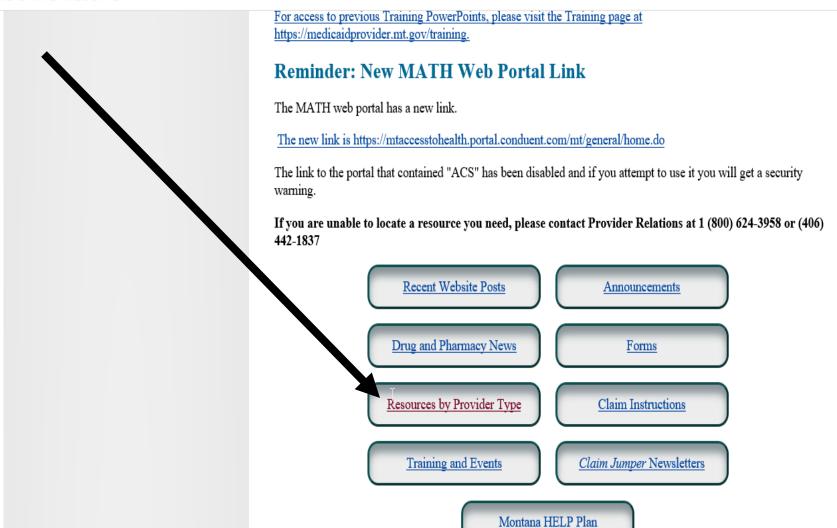


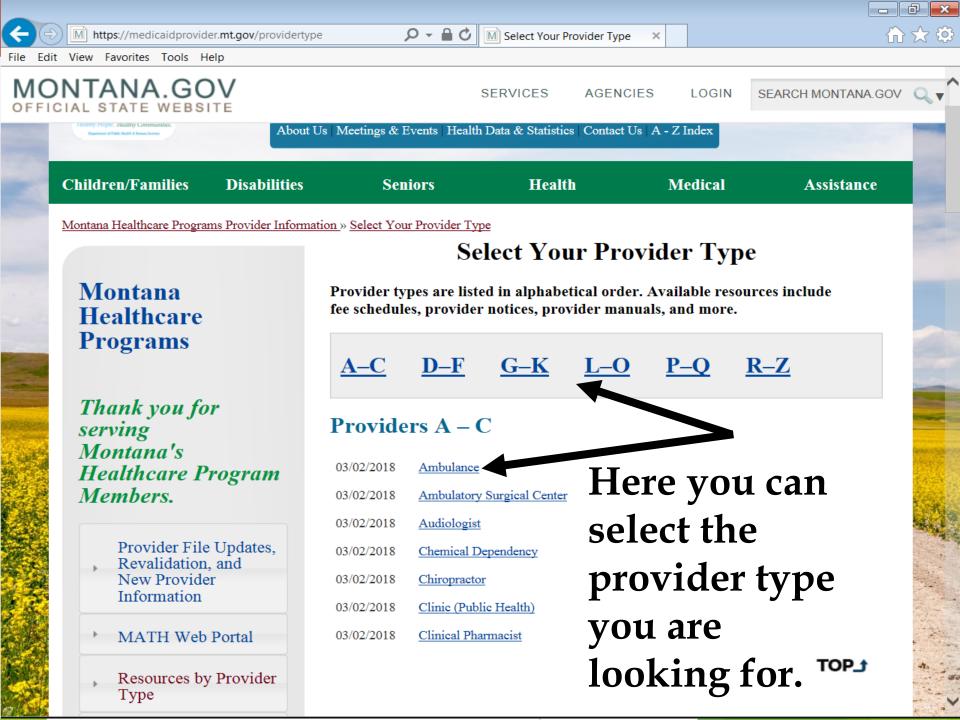


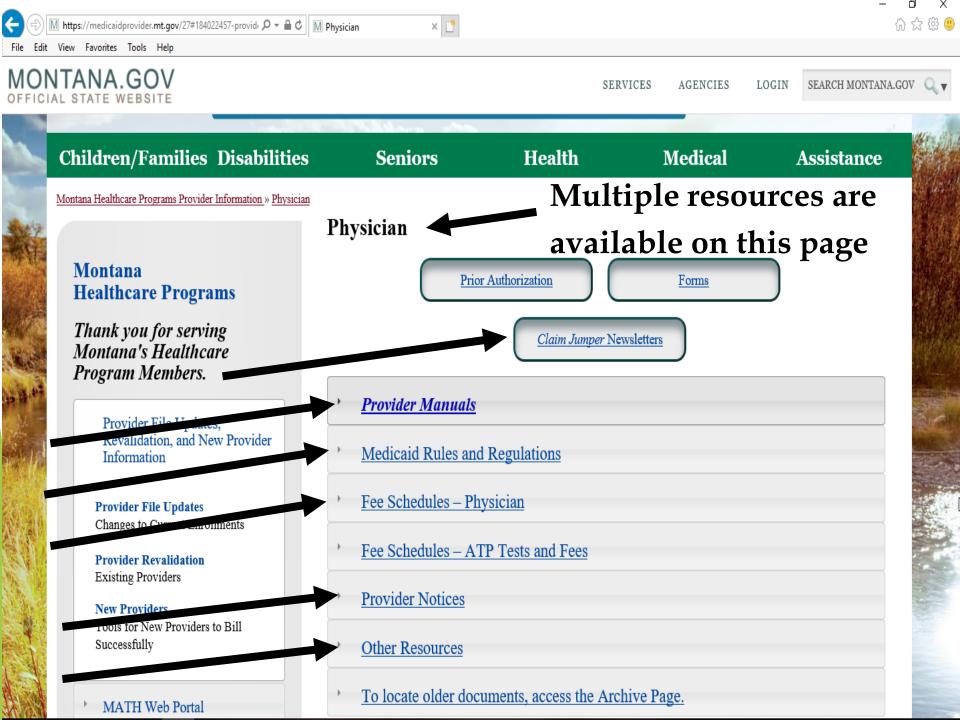


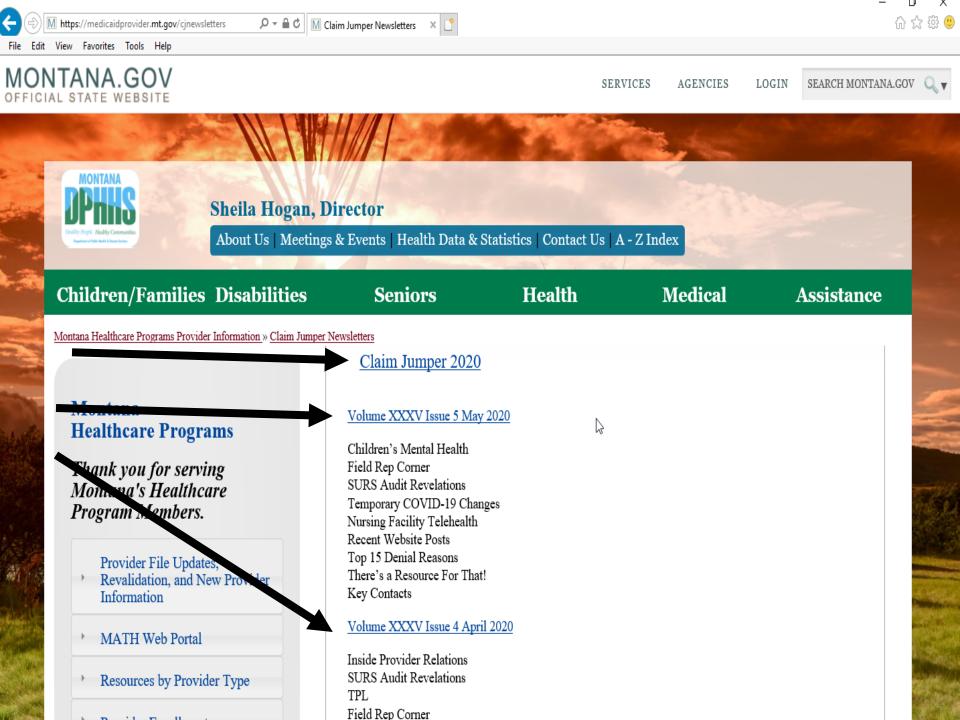
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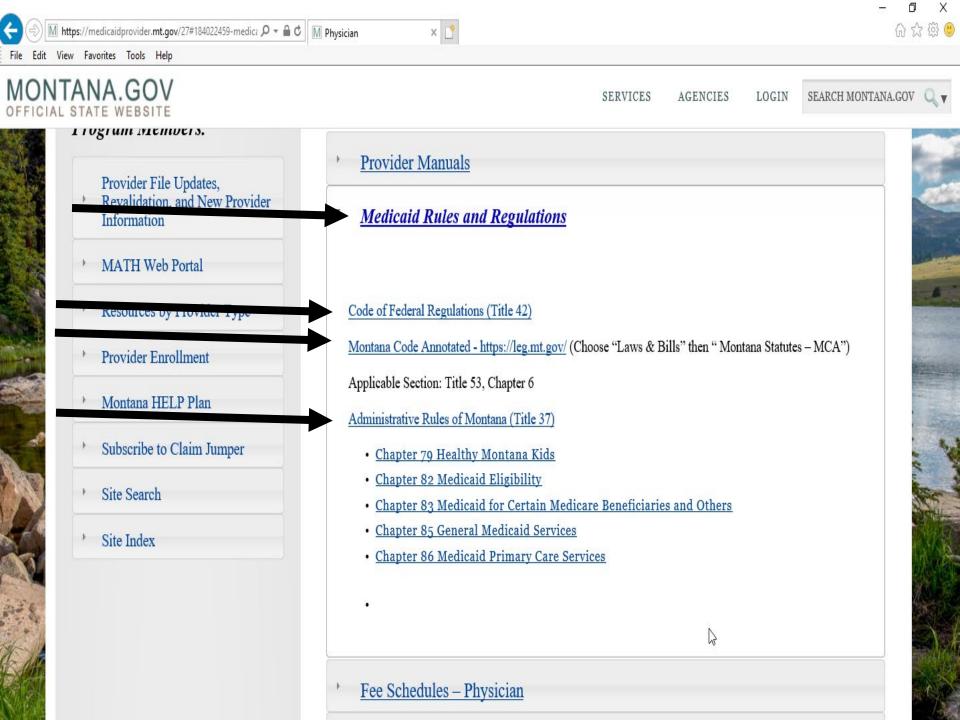


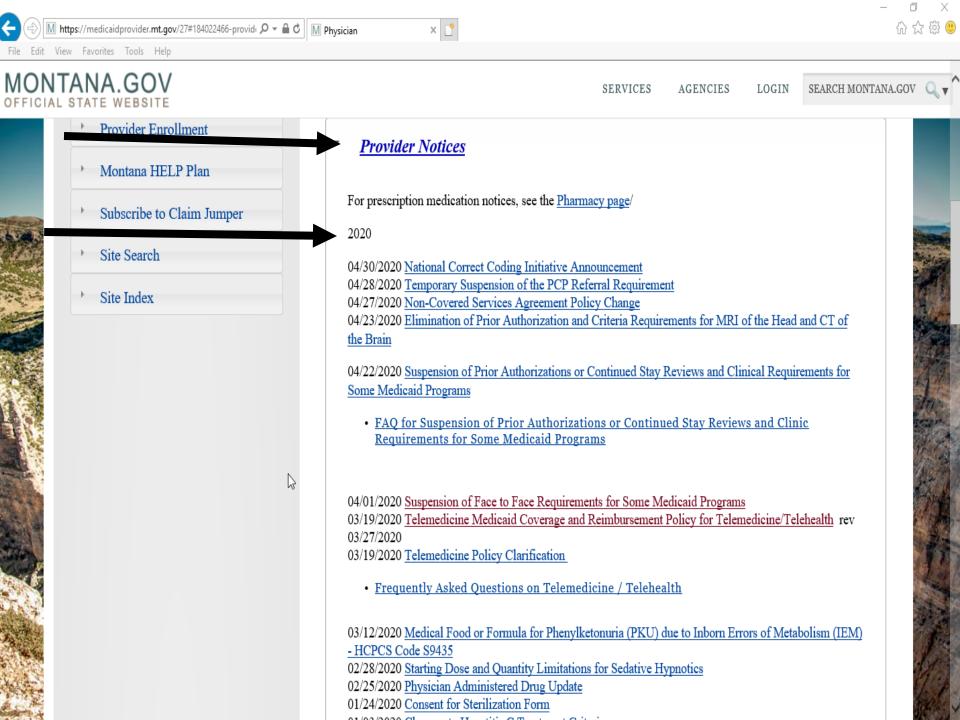




















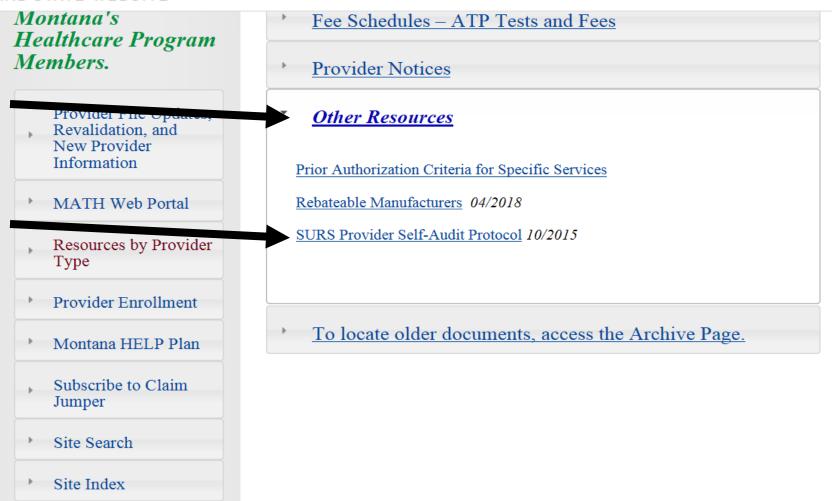
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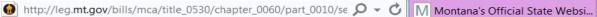
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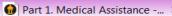
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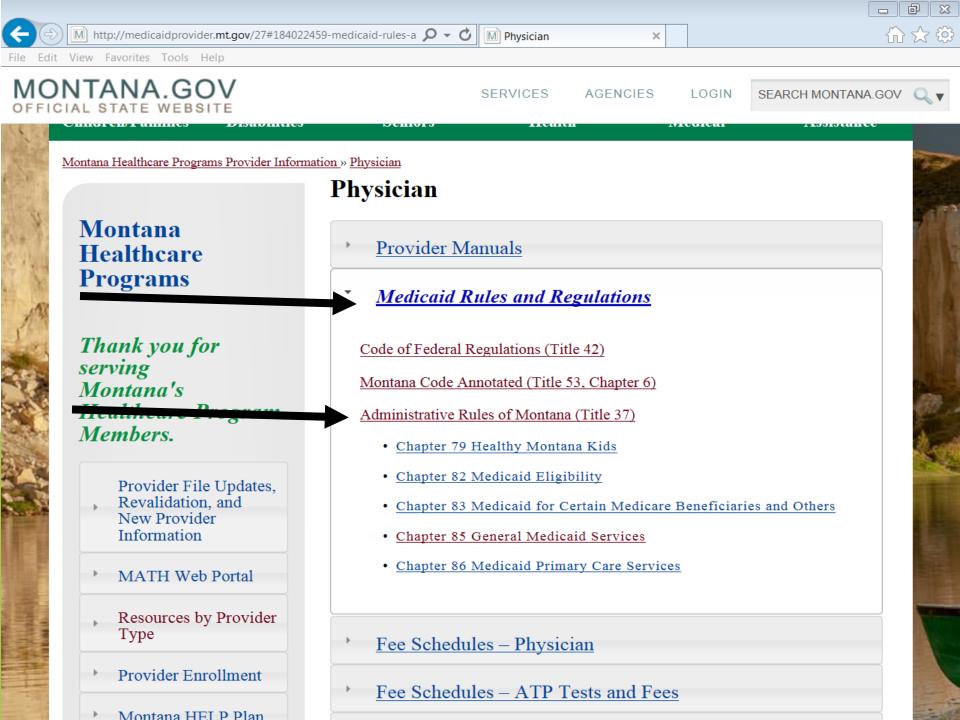
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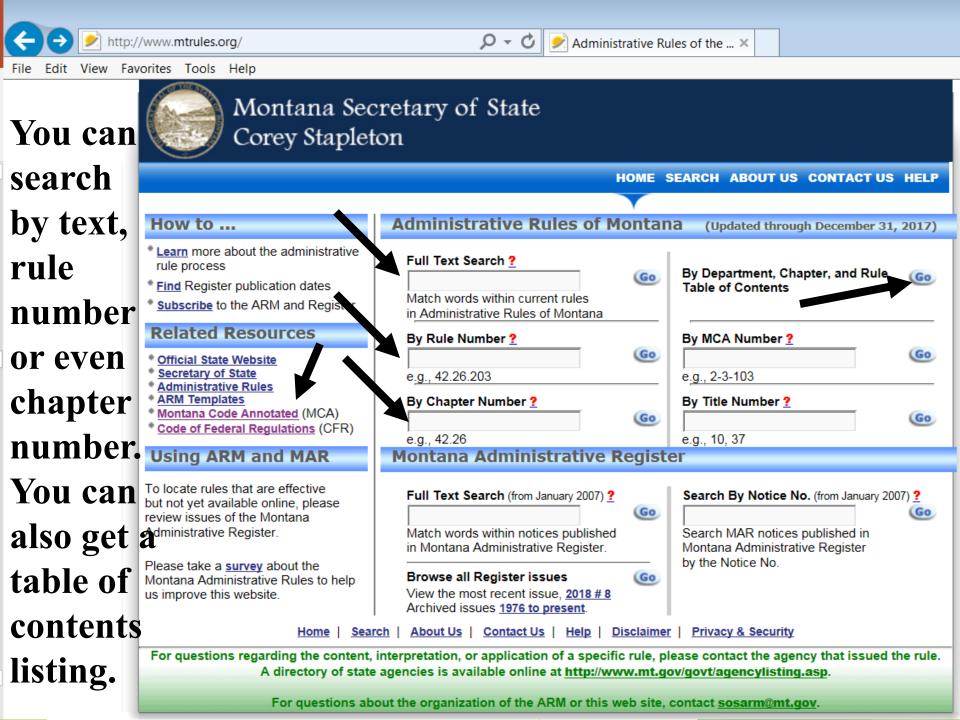
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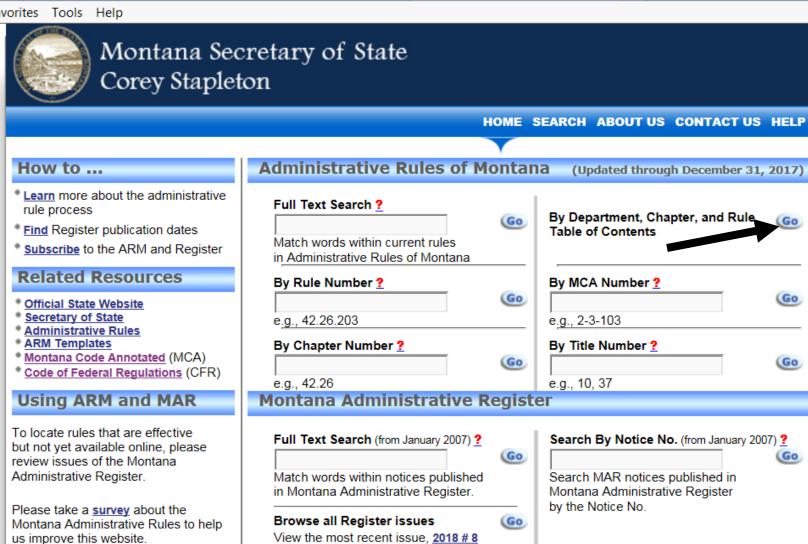
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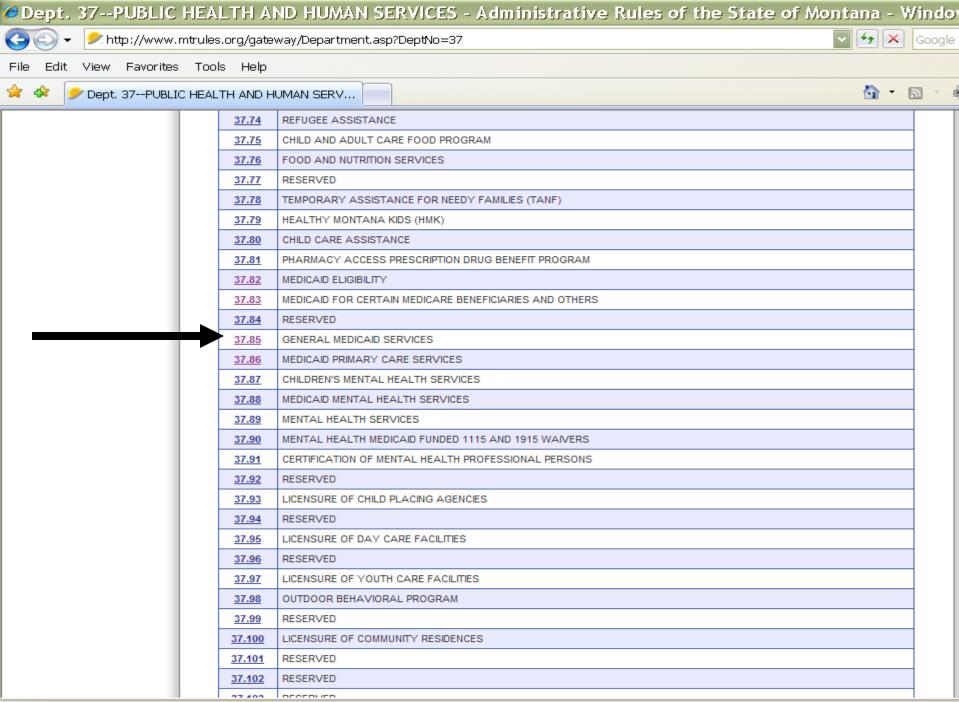
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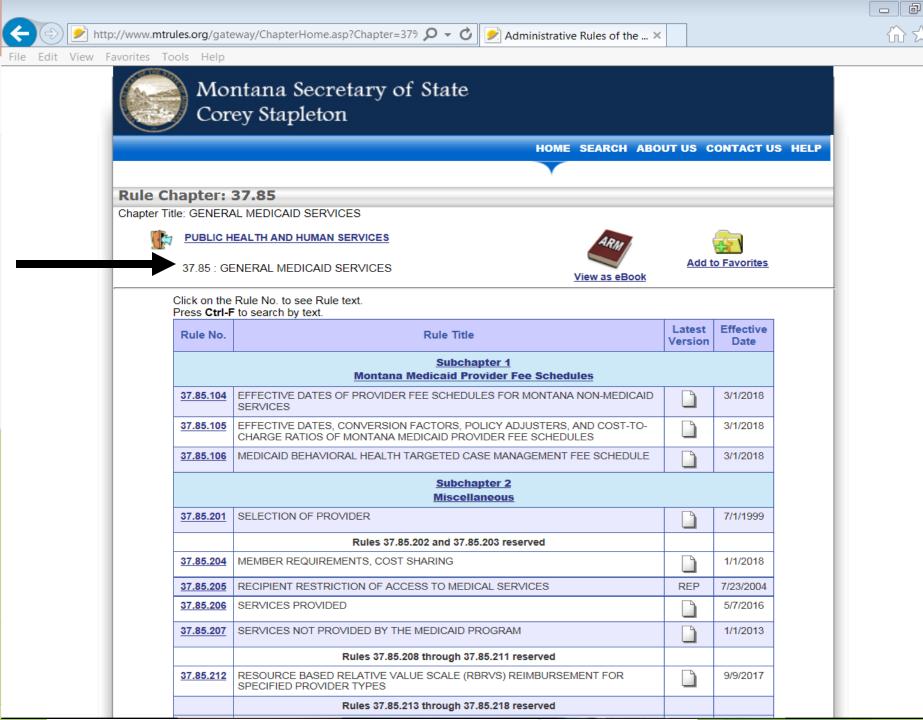
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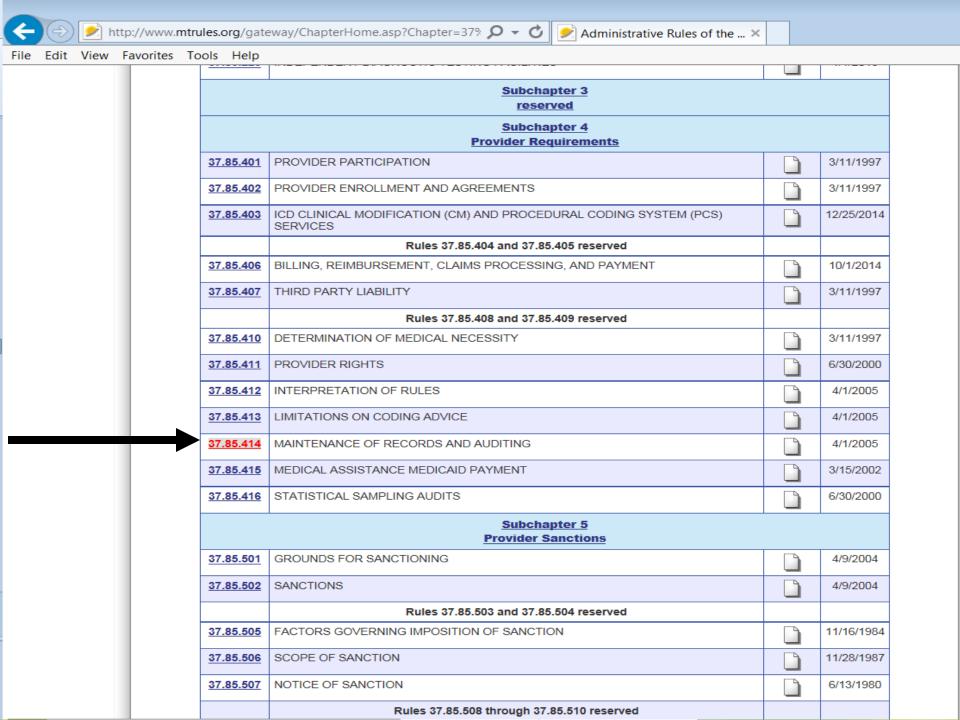


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Latest version of the adopted rule presented in Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM):

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#### 37.85.414 MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS AND AUDITING

- (1) All providers of service must maintain records which fully demonstrate the extent, nature and medical necessity of services and items provided to Montana Medicaid recipients. The records must support the fee charged or payment sought for the services and items and demonstrate compliance with all applicable requirements.
- (a) All records which support a claim for a service or item must be complete within 90 days after the date on which the claim was submitted to Medicaid for reimbursement. A record that is required to be signed and dated, including but not limited to an order, prescription, certificate of medical necessity, referral or progress note, is not complete until it has been signed and dated.
- (b) When reimbursement is based on the length of time spent in providing the service, the records must specify the time spent or the time treatment began and ended for each procedure billed to the nearest minute. Total time billed using one or multiple procedure codes may not exceed the total actual time spent with the Medicaid client.
- (c) These records must be retained for a period of at least six years and three months from the date on which the service was rendered or until any dispute or litigation concerning the services is resolved, whichever is later.
- (d) In maintaining financial records, providers shall employ generally accepted accounting methods. Generally accepted accounting methods are those approved by the National Association of Certified Public Accountants.
- (e) The department shall have access to all records so maintained and retained regardless of a provider's continued participation in the program.
- (f) In the event of a change of ownership, the original owner must retain all required records unless an alternative method of providing for the retention of records has been established in writing and approved by the department

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providers must also comply with any specific record keeping requirements applicable to the type of service the provider furnishes, which may be more restrictive than the minimum requirements of this rule.

- (2) In addition to the recipient's medical records, any Medicaid information regarding a recipient or applicant is confidential and shall be used solely for purposes related to the administration of the Montana Medicaid program. This information shall not be divulged by the provider or his employees, to any person, group, or organization other than those listed below or a department representative without the written consent of the recipient or applicant. In addition, the provider must comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), 42 USC 1320d et seq., and the Uniform Health Care Information Act, 50-16-501 et seq., MCA.
- (3) The department, the designated review organization, the legislative auditor, the Department of Revenue, the Medicaid fraud control unit, and their legal representatives shall have the right to inspect or evaluate the quality, appropriateness, and timeliness of services performed by providers, and to inspect and audit all records required by this rule.
- (a) Upon the department's request for records, the provider shall submit a true and accurate copy of each record of the service or item being reviewed as it existed within 90 days after the date on which the claim was submitted to Medicaid.
- (b) Refusal to permit inspection, evaluation or audit of services shall result in the imposition of provider sanctions in accordance with the rules of the department.
- (4) The provisions of this rule specifying the length of time for which records must be retained shall not be construed as a limitation on the period in which the department may recover overpayments or impose sanctions.

History: <u>53-6-113</u>, MCA; <u>IMP</u>, <u>53-2-201</u>, <u>53-6-101</u>, <u>53-6-111</u>, <u>53-6-113</u> and <u>53-6-141</u>, MCA; <u>NEW</u>, 1980 MAR p. 1491, Eff. 5/16/80; <u>AMD</u>, 1997 MAR p. 474, Eff. 3/11/97; <u>TRANS</u>, from SRS, 2000 MAR p. 479; AMD, 2005 MAR p. 459, Eff. 4/1/05.

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- (10) In addition to the above, the department will pay:
- (a) the lesser of either the actual charge for drugs and other prescribed supplies, or the wholesale price cited, less 15%, plus a dispensing fee on the Medicaid point-of-sale system;
- (b) 85% of the cost of durable medical equipment to the appropriate amount when allowing financial assistance, or to the maximum amount set by the program for the federal fiscal year;
- (c) 85% of the cost of specialized formula and foods and prescriptive or nonprescriptive medications prescribed by a physician for inborn errors of metabolism; and
- (d) 85% of the cost of syringes and disposable medical equipment for the treatment of covered conditions.
- (11) A CYSHCN who attends interdisciplinary pediatric specialty clinics, supported by CSHS, is not responsible for copays, deductibles, or coinsurance, nor will they be balance-billed. History: 50-1-202, MCA; IMP, 50-1-202, MCA; NEW, 1990 MAR p. 1256, Eff. 6/29/90; AMD, 1992 MAR p. 919, Eff. 5/1/92; AMD, 1994 MAR p. 1836, Eff. 7/8/94; AMD, 1999 MAR p. 2879. Eff. 12/17/99; TRANS, from DHES, 2001 MAR, p. 398; AMD, 2003 MAR p. 1637, Eff. 8/1/03; AMD, 2003 MAR p. 1637, Eff. 8/1/03; AMD, 2012 MAR p. 1672, Eff. 8/24/12; AMD, 2013 MAR p. 1449, Eff. 8/9/13.

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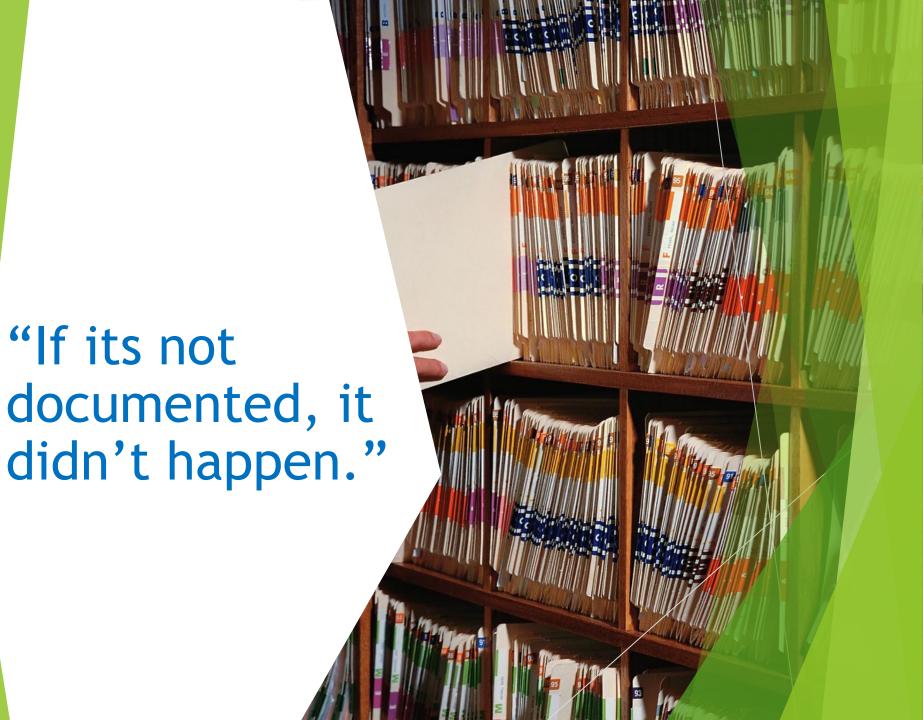


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# Maintain records which demonstrate the extent, nature and medical necessity of services provided [ARM 37.85.414]

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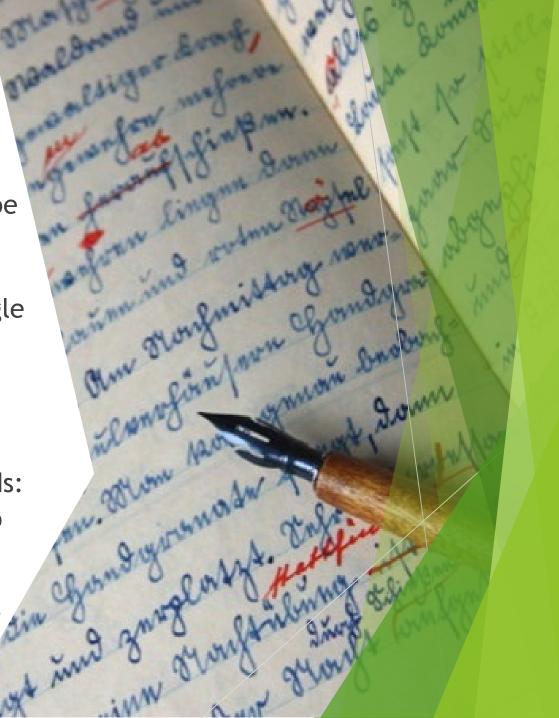
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Add an addendum to the note/ documentation indicating what's incorrect and what's correct

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## Record Keeping Tips

 Providers must have a contingency plan to ensure the availability of documentation in the event of a loss of medical records.

[ARM 37.85.414]

 Providers must obtain written authorization from the Department for any variation from the usual billing practice.

[ARM 37.85.412 and 37.85.413]



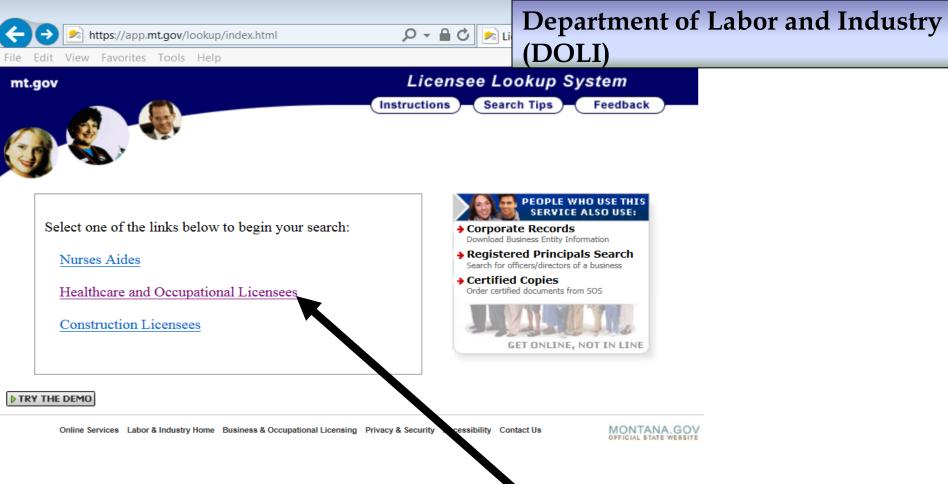
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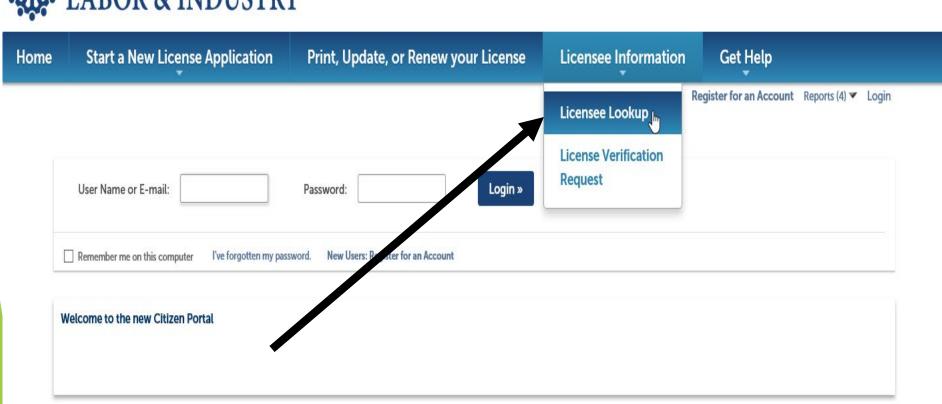
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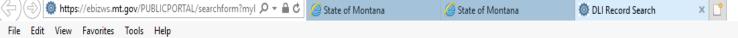




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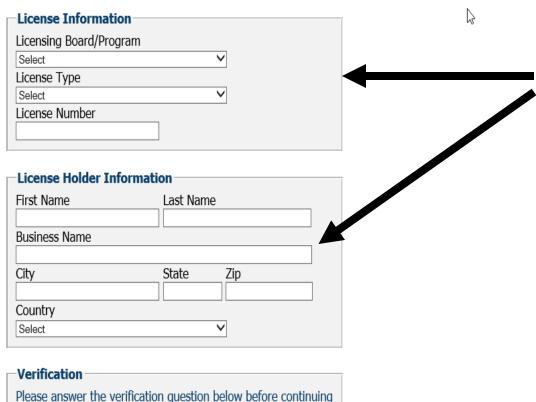




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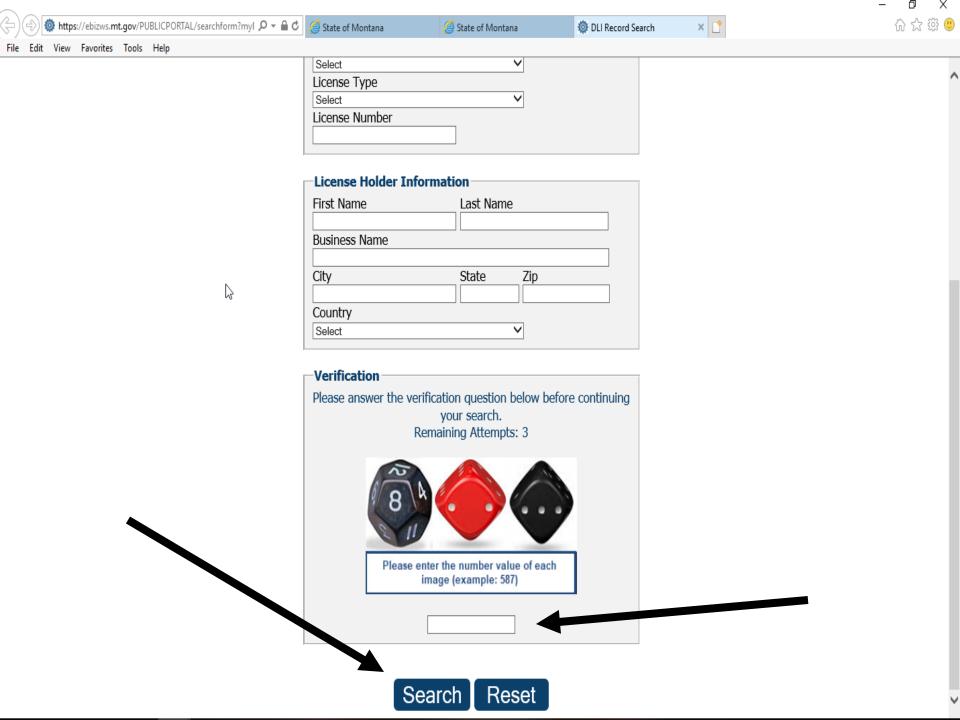
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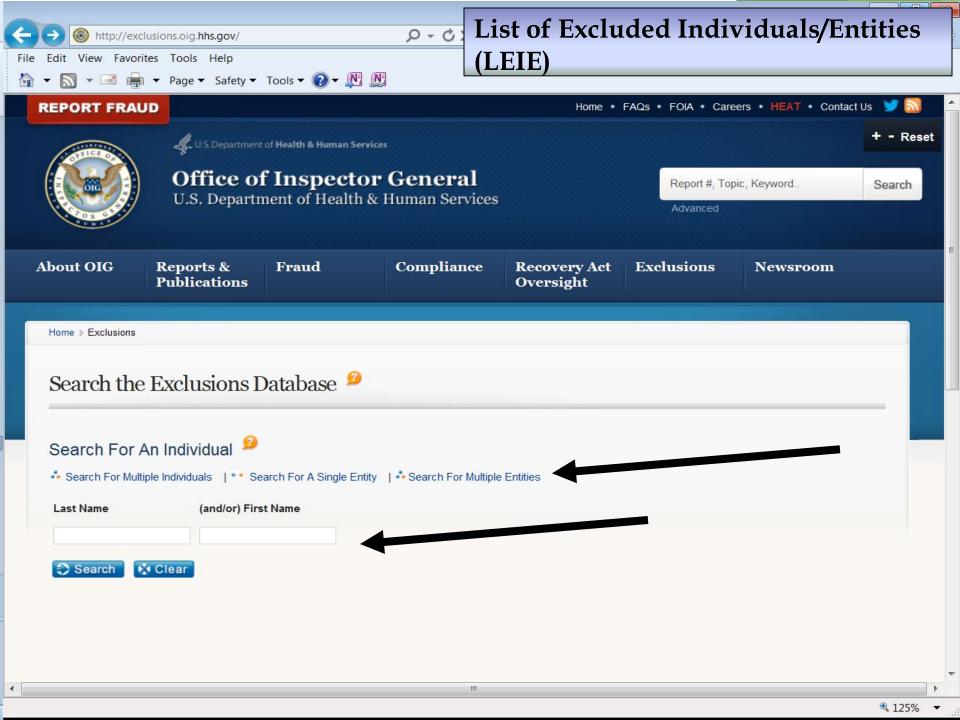
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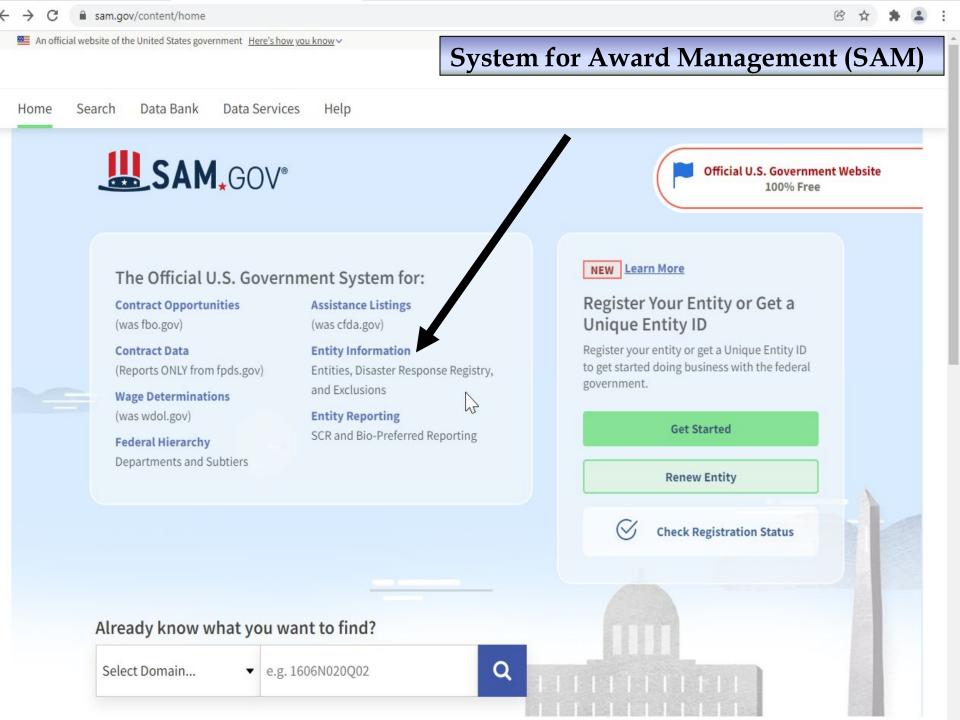


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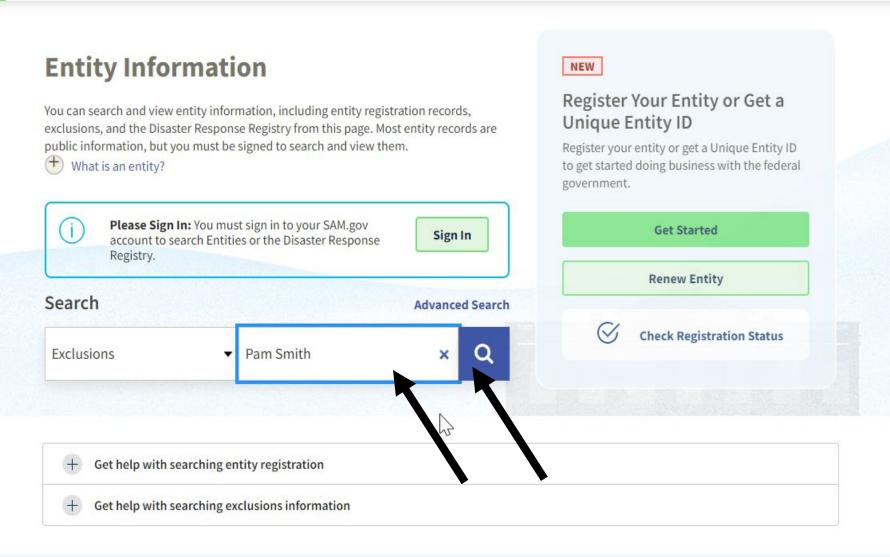
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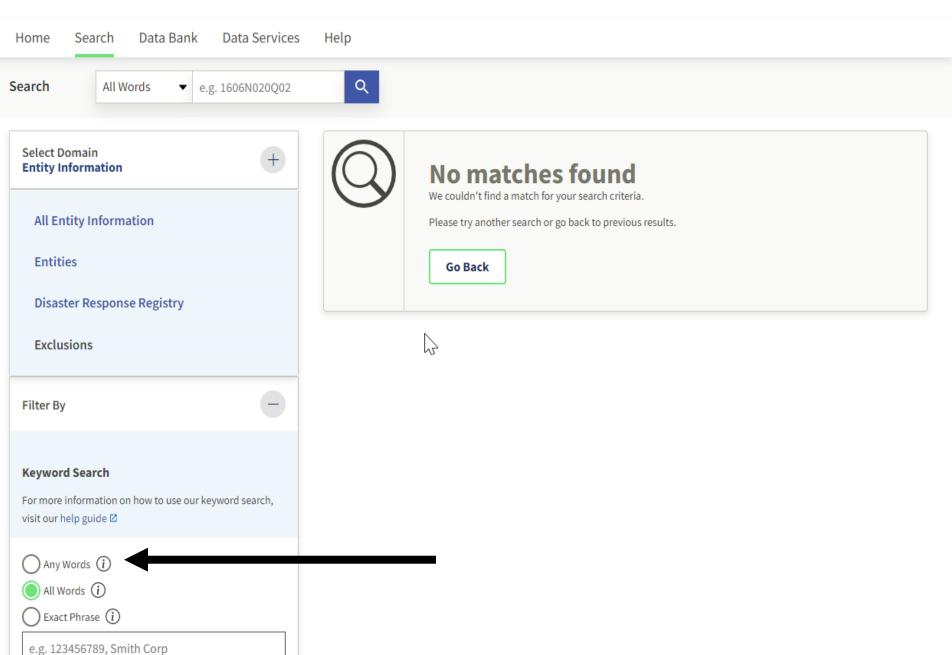
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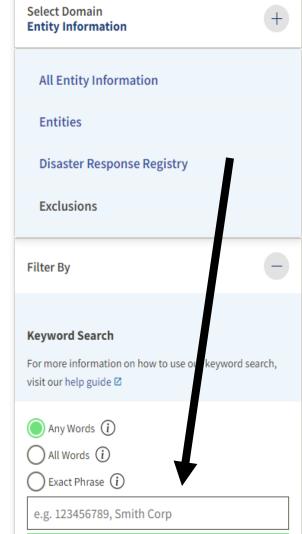
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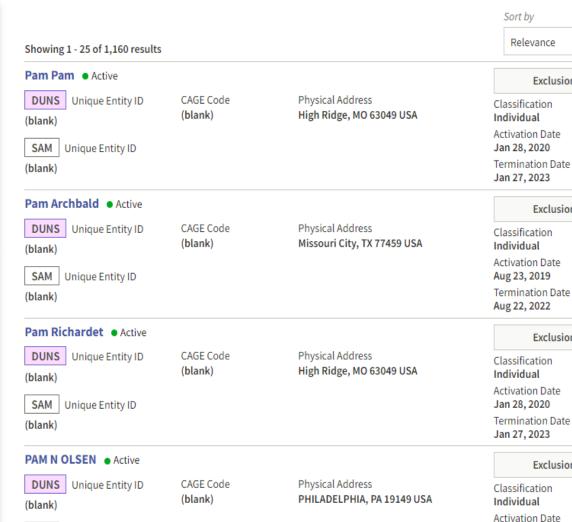
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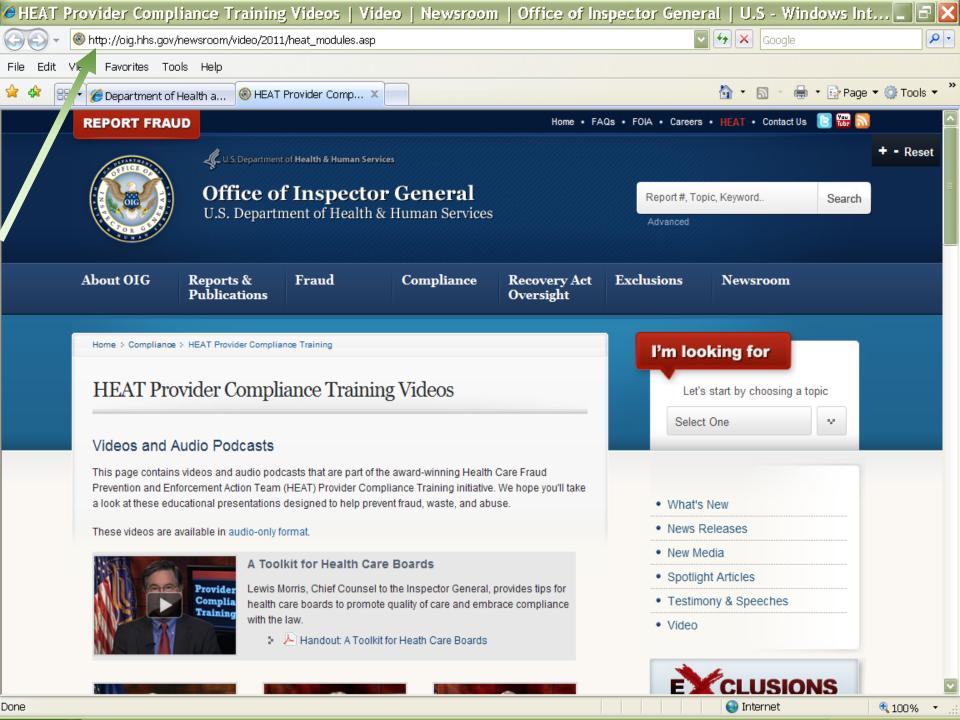
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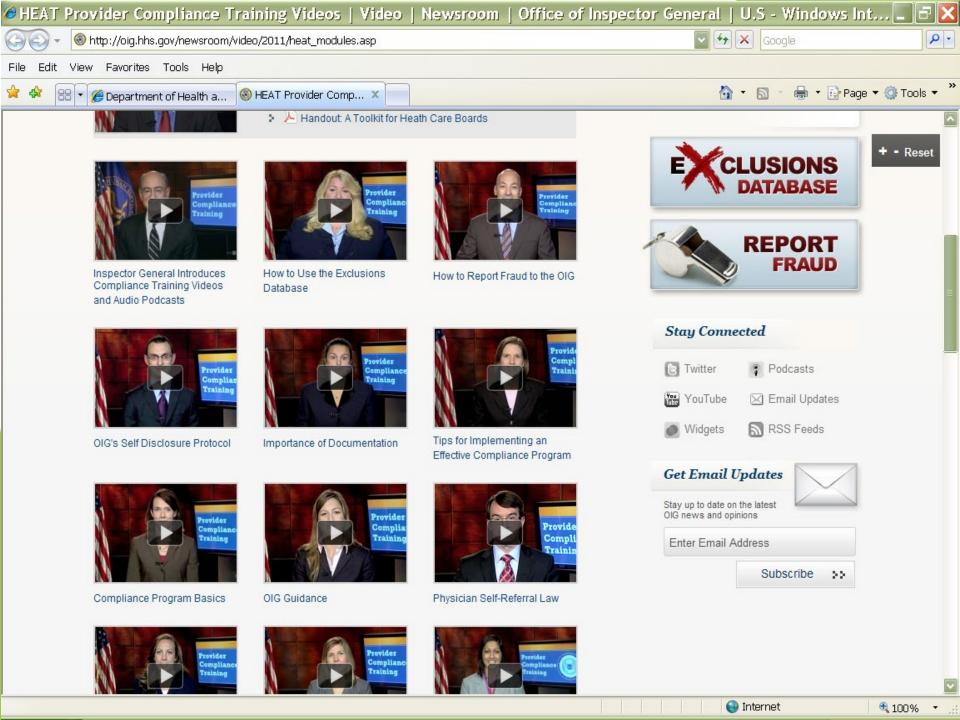
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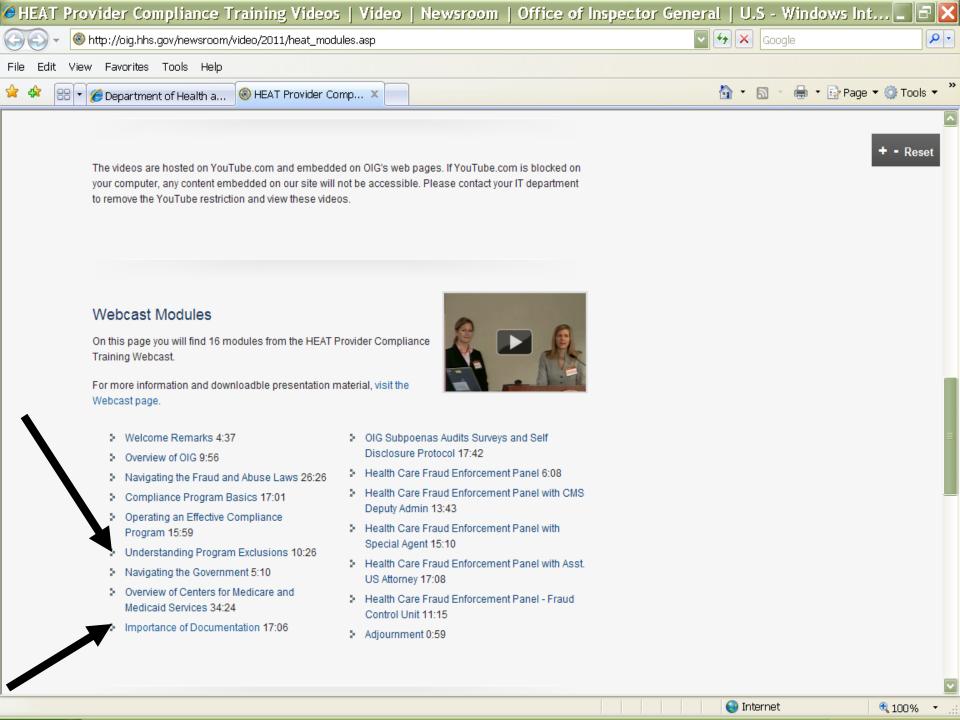
Understanding Program Exclusions

Importance of Documentation











#### **HIPAA**

- American Recovery & Reinvestment Act has many changes for HIPAA [45 CFR, Part 160-164]
  - http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgibin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=111\_cong\_bills& docid=f:h1enr.pdf
- CMS Website for HIPAA info
  - http://www.cms.gov/HIPAAGenInfo/
- Office for Civil Rights Website
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## What are we doing?

Our unit is consistently working on several projects:

- Team Reviews
- Self Reviews
- Individual Reviews
- New Provider Reviews
- Data Reviews
- Active Provider Reviews





# The progression of reviews...

- 1. Review idea
- Collection of data
- Initial contact with provider
- 4. Records request letter
- 5. Records review
- 6. Overpayment letter
- 7. Administrative Review
- Additional records or information review

- 9. Administrative Review determination
- 10. Fair Hearing
- 11. Fair Hearing determination
- 12. Board of Public Assistance
- 13. Judicial Court
- 14. Overpayment
- 15. Closure



## Top issues within reviews ...

- Incomplete documentation (demonstrating the extent and nature of the service).
- Incomplete or missing orders/prescriptions.
- Missing dates and signatures on notes or DME delivery confirmation.
- Missing time in and out or full amount of time spent on time-based codes.
- Up-coding Evaluation and Management.
- Identifying information on documentation.





Additional review errors ....

- Billing for services not personally provided.
- Unbundling of services.
- Illegible records.
- Electronic records out of Word.



### **SURS Staff**

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- 8 Program Integrity Compliance Specialists
  - Licensed Practical Nurse
  - Certified Professional Coders
  - Certified Program Integrity Professionals
  - Subject Matter Experts

assigned to multiple provider types and specialties





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# Questions?



