

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



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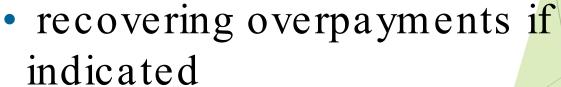
Surveillance Utilization Review Section (SURS) is a federally mandated program [42 CFR, Part 456.3]

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.



The SURS unit accomplishes this by:

- performing retrospective reviews
 - educating providers







The Medicaid Processing System

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





The Medicaid Processing System

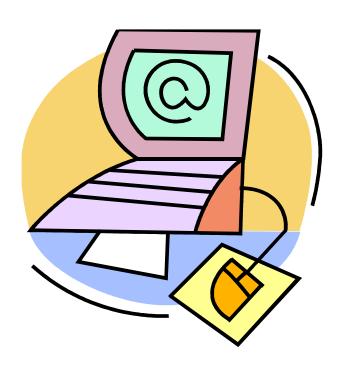
- Some claims are paid in error
 - due to incorrect billing
 - system complications/errors
- ALL paid claims are subject to retrospective review
 - Including claims that are prior authorized





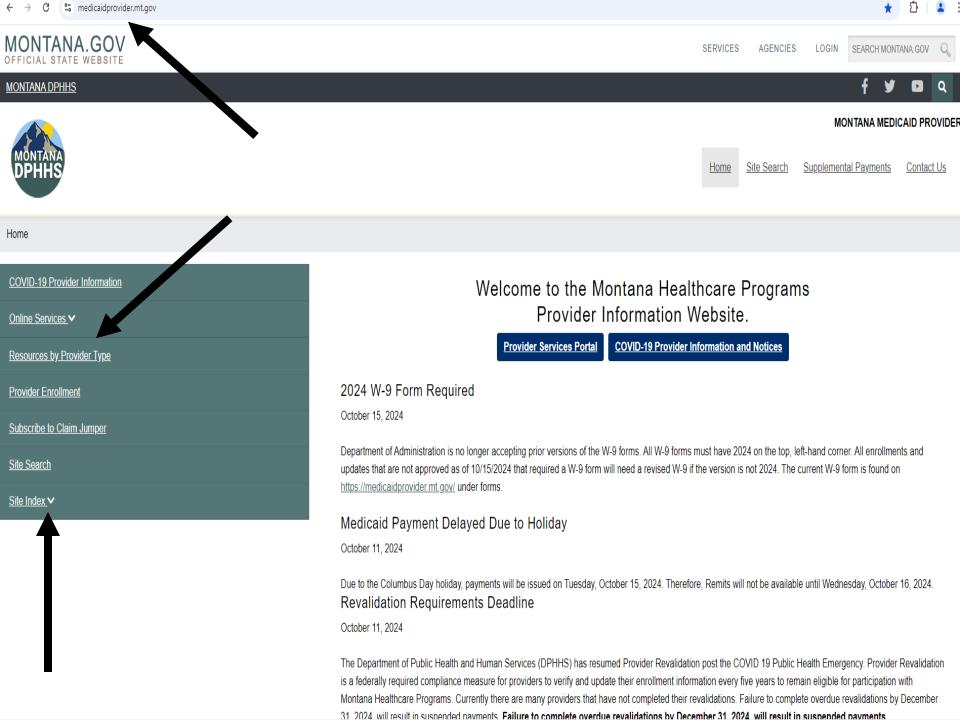
Overpayment Recovery

- SURS can recover if it discovers that the provider was not entitled to payment for any reason.
- | (ARM 37.85.406 | (9) & (10)]



Montana Medicaid Website

https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov/





• This is a general enrollment training not a series of trainings.

Tenancy Support Enrollment Training

Jennifer Stirling, Provider Relations Manager,, Conduent, October 15, 2024 at 12pm Mountain Time (1 Hour)

Tenancy Support Claims Training

Jennifer Stirling, Provider Relations Manager, Conduent, October 16, 2024 at 11am Mountain Time (2 Hours)

SURS Training

Jennifer Tucker, SURS Supervisor, DPHHS, October 17, 2024 at 2pm Mountain Time (1 Hour)

Documentation from a Review Perspective

Jennifer Tucker, SURS Supervisor, DPHHS, November 21, 2024 at 2pm Mountain Time (1 Hour)

Diabetes Prevention Program

Melissa House, Diabetes Program Manager, DPHHS, December 19, 2024 at 2pm Mountain Time (1 Hour)

To register for upcoming Online Training and access to previous Training PowerPoints, please visit the Training page at https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov/training

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Provider types are listed in alphabetical order. Available resources include fee schedules, provider notices, provider manuals, and more.

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Providers A - C

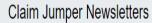
- Ambulance
- Ambulatory Surgical Center
- Applied Behavior Analysis Services
- Audiologist
- Big Sky Waiver
- Chemical Dependency
- Chiropractor
- Clinic (Public Health)
- Clinical Pharmacist

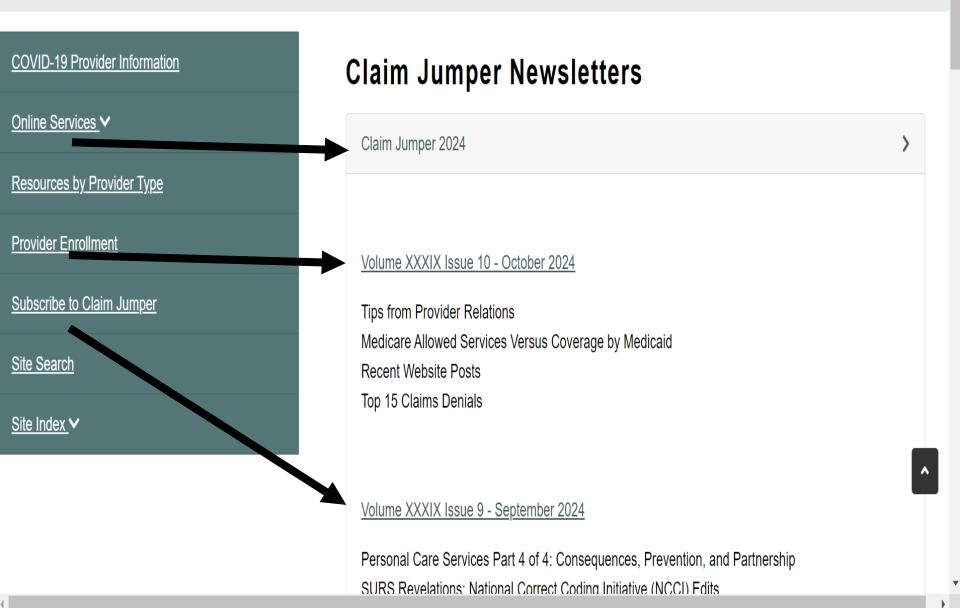
Providers L - O

- Laboratory Services
- · Licensed Addiction Counselor
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
- Licensed Professional Counselor
- Mental Health Center
- Mid-Level Practitioner
- Mobile Imaging
- Nursing Facility
- Nutritionist (FPSDT)



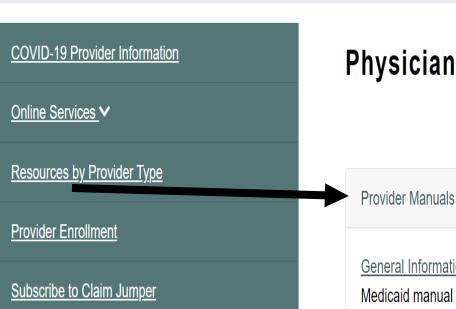






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Physician

Prior Authorization

<u>Forms</u>

<u>Claim Jumper Newsletters</u>

General Information for Providers

Medicaid manual with general information for all provider types.

Physician-Related Services

This manual has information specific to your provider type.

Prescription Drug Program

This manual has information specific to your provider type.

Passport to Health

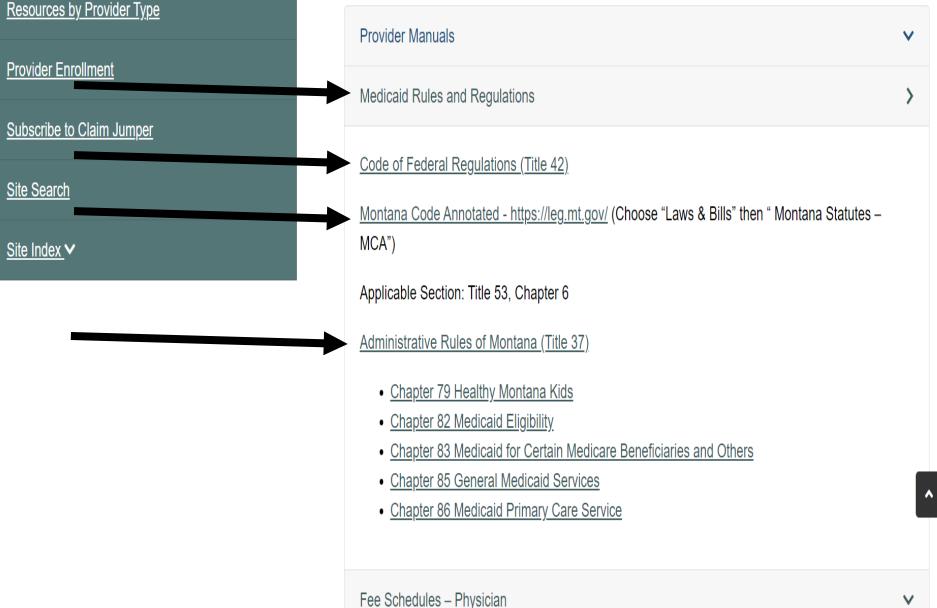
Everything a provider needs to know to become a successful Passport provider.

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OFFICIAL STATE WEBSITE

Resources by Provider Type

Provider Enrollment

Provider Enrollment



https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov/27#accordion1-collapse1



Provider Notices

For prescription medication notices, see the $\underline{\hbox{Pharmacy page}}$

2024

10/15/2024 Revalidation Requirements Deadline

10/11/2024 COVID-19 Vaccine Codes Removed from Plan First Covered Codes List

09/18/2024 Vaccines for Children Code Update

08/09/2024 Vaccines for Children Code Update

07/29/2024 Prior Authorization Requirements When a Member Has Third Party Liability

06/28/2024 January 1, 2024 and July 1, 2024 Fee Schedule Updates

06/18/2024 Method for Submitting Durable Medical Equipment Prior Authorizations

06/18/2024 DEA Number Required for Prescribers REVISED

06/11/2024 Health Resources Division Claims Appeal Process

05/21/2024 DEA Number Required for Prescribers

05/10/2024 Ordering Genetic Lab Tests from Assurex Health



To locate older documents, access the Archive Page.



Rule/Regulation Materials

- Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
- Montana Code Annotated (MCA)
- Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM)









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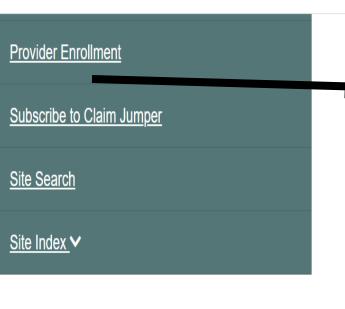
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TITLE 53. SOCIAL SERVICES AND INSTITUTIONS

CHAPTER 6. HEALTH CARE SERVICES

Part 1. Medical Assistance -- Medicaid

- 53-6-101 Montana medicaid program -- authorization of services
- 53-6-102 Repealed
- 53-6-103 Repealed
- 53-6-104 Freedom of doctors to treat recipients of medical assistance -- freedom to select doctor
- 53-6-105 Discrimination prohibited
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- 53-6-115 Contracts with other agencies
- 53-6-116 Medicaid managed care -- capitated health care



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Medicaid Rules and Regulations

Code of Federal Regulations (Title 42)

Montana Code Annotated - https://leg.mt.gov/ (Choose "Laws & Bills" then " Montana Statutes – MCA")

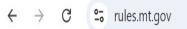
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Administrative Rules of Montana (Title 37)

- Chapter 79 Healthy Montana Kids
- Chapter 82 Medicaid Eligibility
- Chapter 83 Medicaid for Certain Medicare Beneficiaries and Others
- Chapter 85 General Medicaid Services
- Chapter 86 Medicaid Primary Care Service

Fee Schedules – Physician

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Historical Information



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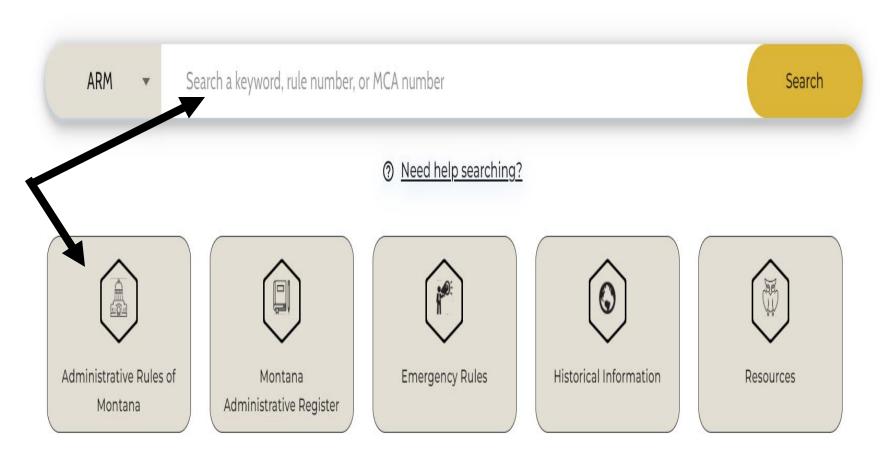
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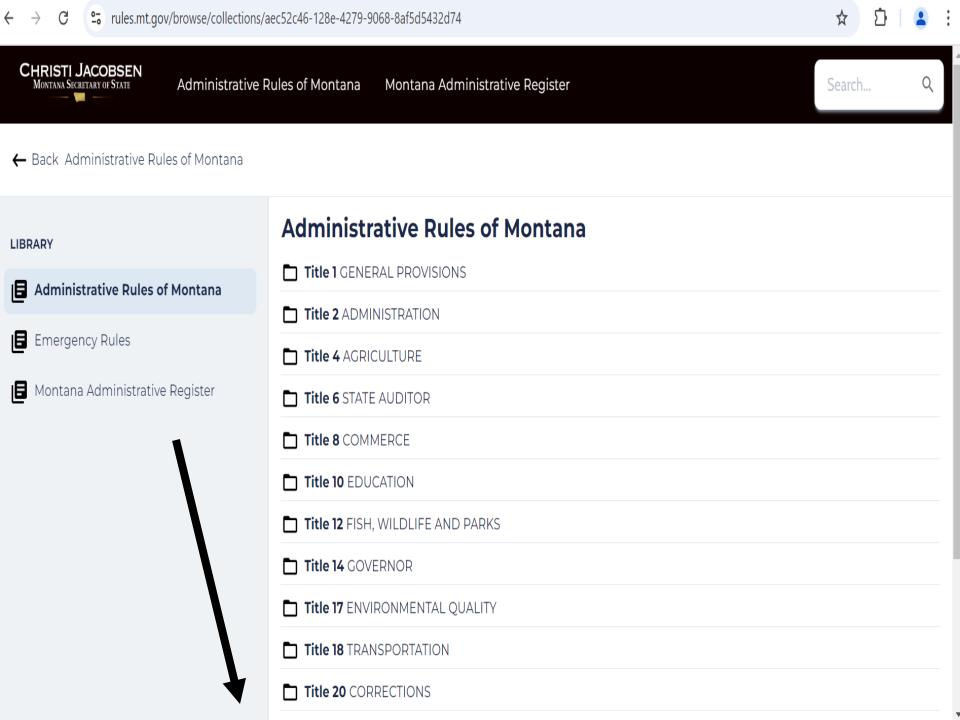
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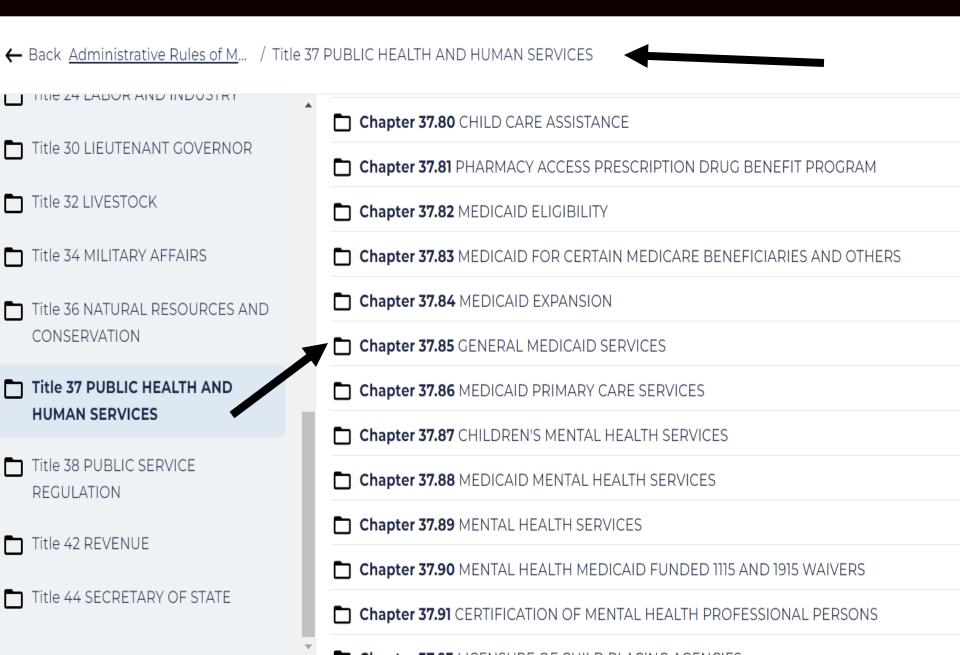




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- **37.85.402** PROVIDER ENROLLMENT AND AGREEMENTS

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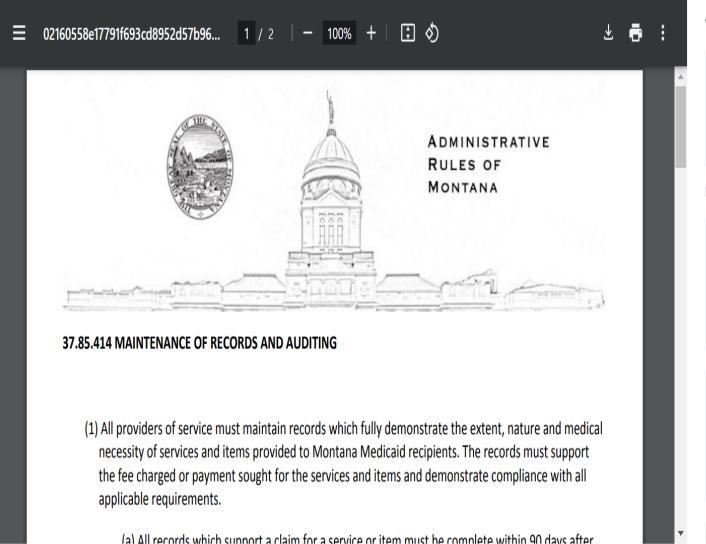
- 37.85.406 BILLING, REIMBURSEMENT, CLAIMS PROCESSING, AND PAYMENT
- 37.85.407 THIRD PARTY LIABILITY
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- **37.85.412** INTERPRETATION OF RULES
- 37.85.413 LIMITATIONS ON CODING ADVICE

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- 37.85.415 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE MEDICAID PAYMENT

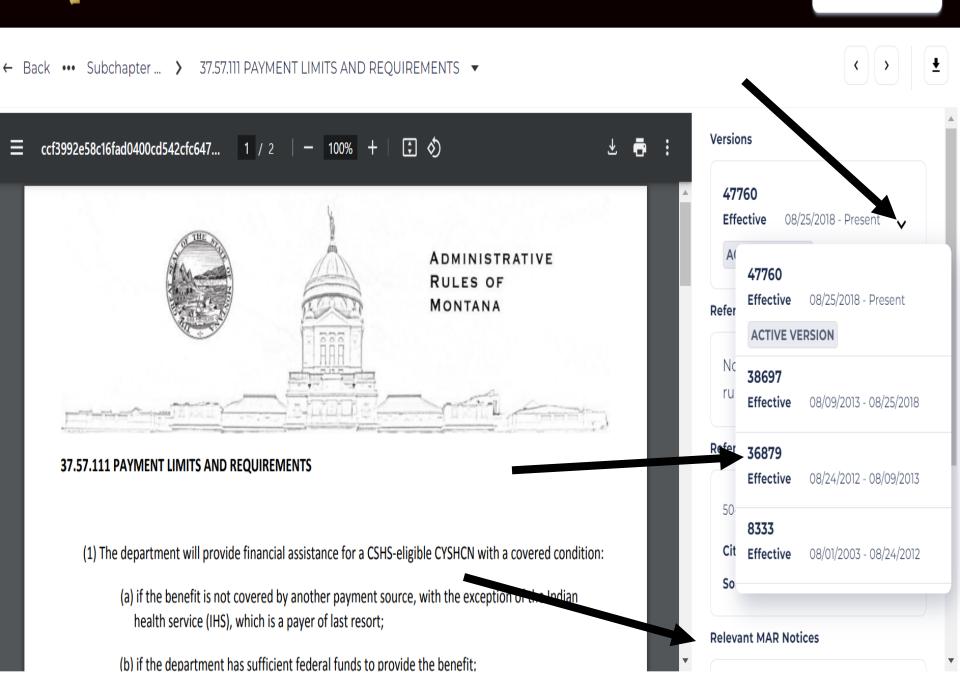






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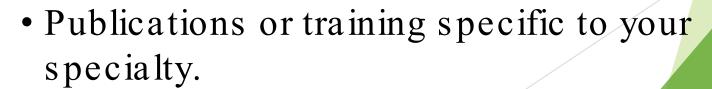




Coding Reference Materials

Some coding reference materials

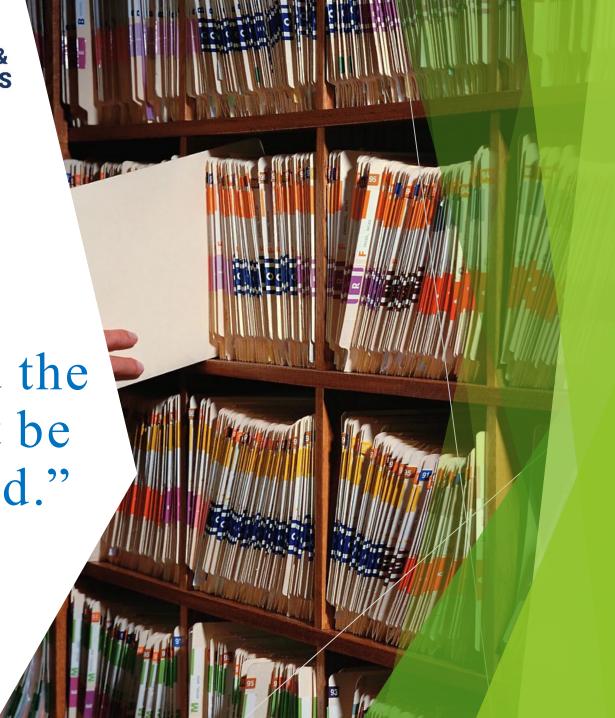
- CPT and CPT Assistant
- HCPCS
- ICD-10 CM
- ICD-10 PCS
- CDT
- DSM







'If it isn't documented the service can't be substantiated."





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



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Record Keeping Tips

Records cannot be altered and must reflect the services provided. If a record needs to be corrected, a provider should...

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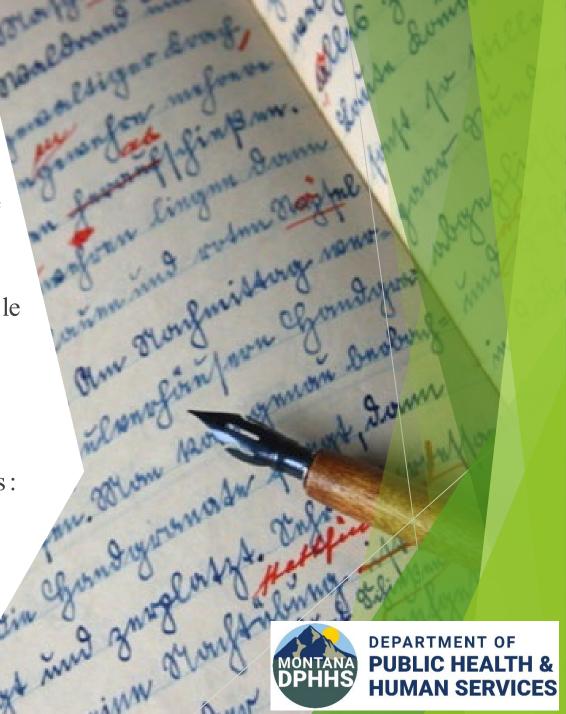
Write correct information

Date and initial the correction

For Electronic Health Records:

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

Date and initial the correction





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]



Provider Responsibility

It is the <u>responsibility of the provider</u> to be knowledgeable about sections of the Administrative Rules that relate to their provider type, provider policies and covered services.

In addition, providers are encouraged to ensure their employees are not listed on the federal exclusion databases.

Special Advisory http://oig.hhs.gov/exclusions/advisories.asp

- DOLI (https://ebizws.mt.gov/PUBLICPORTAL/home.jsp)
 - LEIE (http://exclusions.oig.hhs.gov/)
 - SAM (https://www.sam.gov)







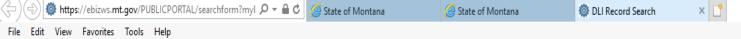


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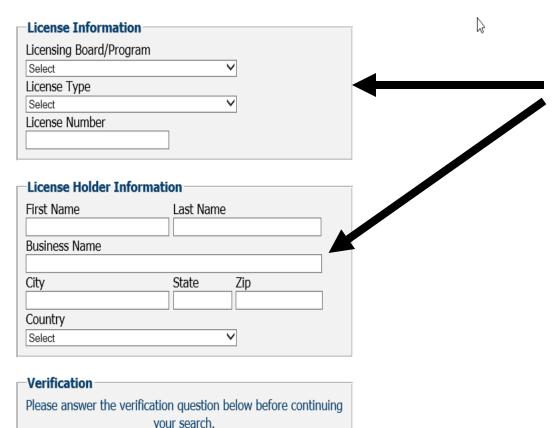


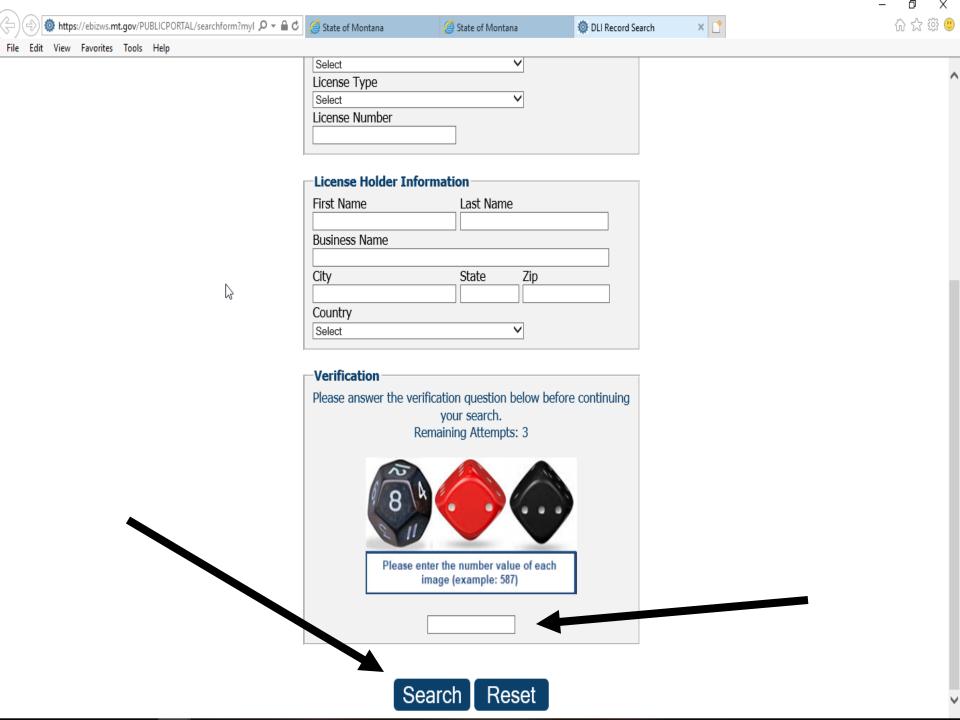
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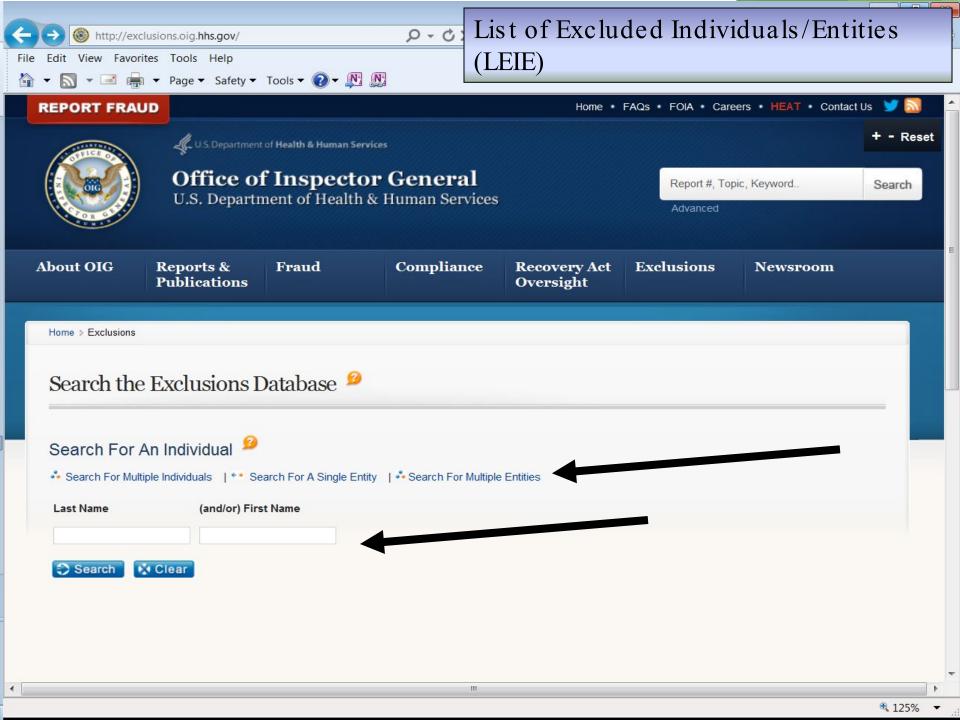
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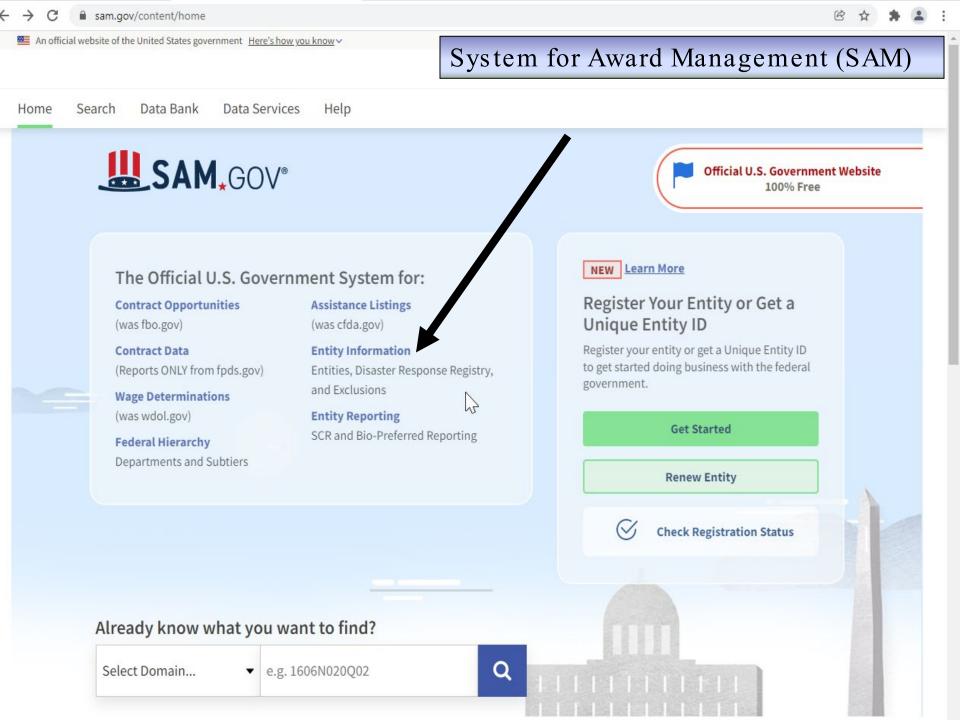
License Search

Please be advised that any "license" with REG in the naming convention instead of LIC, is not an actual license, but rather an interstate licensure registration that immediately expires when the state of emergency is no longer in effect.











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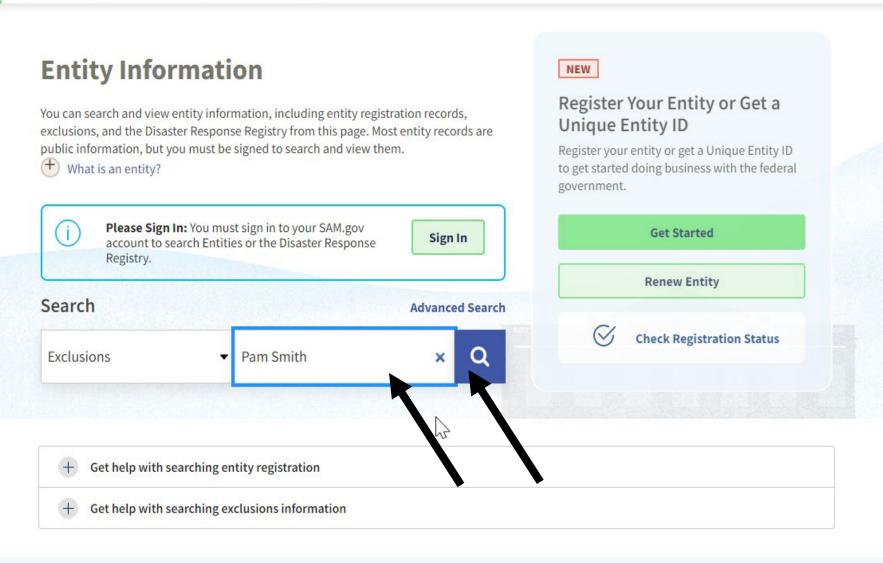
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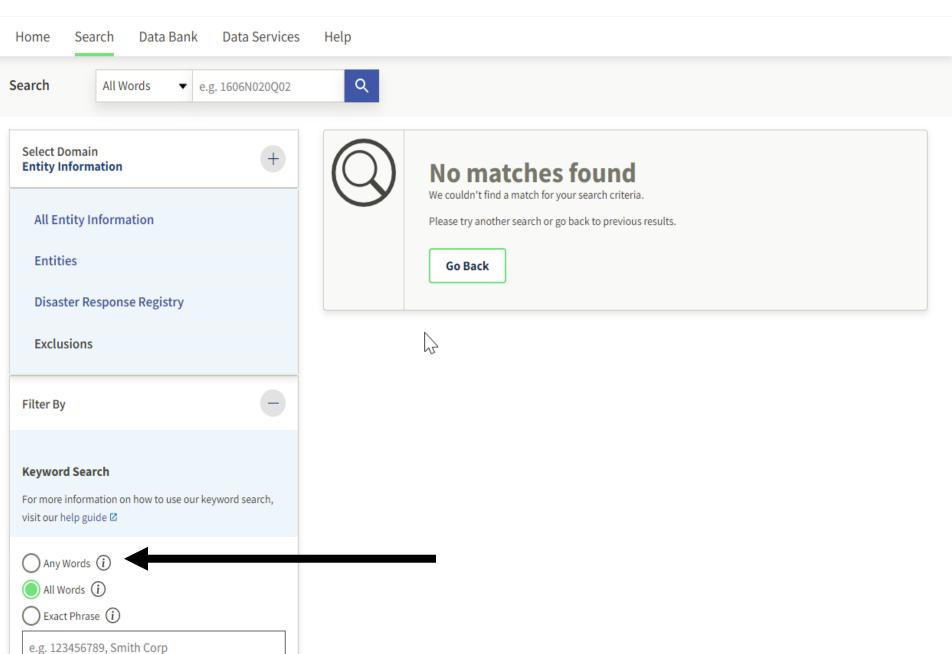
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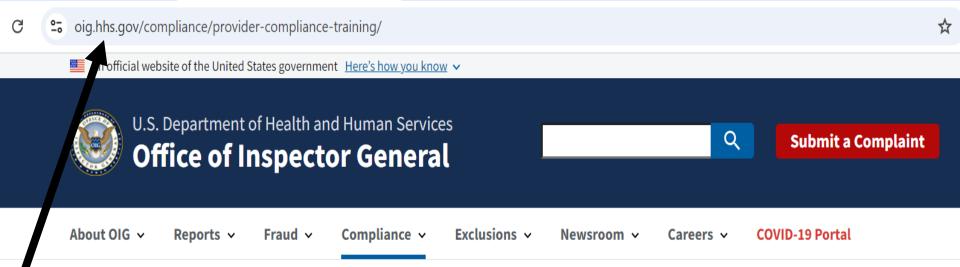
Health Care Fraud Prevention and Enforcement Action Team (HEAT) Provider Compliance Training

http://oig.hhs.gov/newsroom/video/2011/heat_modules.asp

- Understanding Program Exclusions
- Importance of Documentation







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HEAT Provider Compliance Training

Training resources resulting from the work of the Health Care Fraud Prevention and Enforcement Action Team (HEAT), an HHS/DOJ initiative.

In Spring 2011, HHS-OIG and its government partners provided in-person trainings in Houston, Tampa, Kansas City, Baton Rouge, Denver, and Washington, D.C. The trainings focused on the realities of Medicare and Medicaid fraud and the importance of implementing an effective compliance program.

Webcast Modules

There are 16 modules in the HEAT Provider Compliance Training Webcast, recorded on May 18, 2011. The following resources are now hosted on YouTube.

- 1. Welcome Remarks (4:37 minutes long)
- 2. Overview of OIG (9:56 minutes long)
- 3. Navigating the Fraud and Abuse Laws (26:26 minutes long)
- 4. <u>Compliance Program Basics</u> (17:01 minutes long)
- 5. Operating an Effective Compliance Program (15:59 minutes long)
- 6. <u>Understanding Program Exclusions</u> (10:26 minutes long)
- 7. Navigating the Government (5:10 minutes long)
- 8. Overview of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (34:24 minutes long)
- 9. Importance of Documentation (17:06 minutes long)
- 10. OIG Subpoenas Audits Surveys and Self Disclosure Protocol (17:42 minutes long)
- 11. Health Care Fraud Enforcement Panel (6:08 minutes long)
- 12. <u>Health Care Fraud Enforcement Panel with CMS Deputy Admin</u> (13:43 minutes long)
- 13. Health Care Fraud Enforcement Panel with Special Agent (15:10 minutes long)
- 14. <u>Health Care Fraud Enforcement Panel with Asst. US Attorney</u> (17:08 minutes long)
- 15. <u>Health Care Fraud Enforcement Panel Fraud Control Unit</u> (11:15 minutes long)



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
 - http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy/index.html

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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
- 2. Collection of data
- 3. Initial contact with provider
- 4. Records request letter
- 5. Records review
- 6. Overpayment letter
- 7. Administrative Review (AR)
- 8. Additional records or information for AR
- 9. AR determination

- 10. Fair Hearing (FH)
- 11. FH determination
- 12. Judicial Court
- 13. Overpayment
- 14. 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 Dental Coder
 - Certified Program Integrity Professionals
 - Subject Matter Experts

assigned to multiple provider types and specialties





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Questions?



