

CMS's Oversight of Medicare Health Plans

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- Part of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
- Audits Medicare health plans to make sure beneficiaries receive items, services, and prescription drugs
- Penalizes Medicare health plans that violate Medicare's rules

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CMS Audits Plans

- Audits determine if Medicare health plans are:
 - Planning Care
 - Providing Access to Care
 - Includes reviewing prior authorization
 - Coordinating Care

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CMS Requires Plans to Fix Problems

- Plans and CMS create a workplan to fix problems
- Plans work on the problems in the workplan
- CMS monitors plans' progress
- Plans are re-audited to make sure the problems are fixed
- Plans continue working on the problems if they aren't fixed
- CMS is satisfied when the re-audits show the problems are fixed

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CMS can Penalize Plans

- CMS can penalize plans that delay or do not provide care to beneficiaries
- Penalties include:
 - Financial Penalties
 - Can be large when many beneficiaries are impacted
 - Stopping Enrollment
 - Until the problems are corrected
 - Terminating a Plan's Contract

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