



Getting Ready for 2016: 2016 Program Audits



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Background

- In 2015 CMS incorporated additional information in the audit protocols and, in some cases, changed record layouts
- Industry feedback led us to make some changes to 2015 protocols and repost them
- Summary of updates

What Will CMS Audit in 2016?

- Core protocols being kept active (FA, CDAG, ODAG, CPE and SNP-MOC)
- Medication Therapy Management (MTM)-PILOT
- Provider Network Adequacy (PNA)-PILOT
- Piloting in 2016 and what that means for scoring

2016 Protocols

When will the 2016
protocols be released?

Tips to Prepare

- Read through the protocols and ask questions before you get a start notice
- Make sure you can pull all of the needed data
- Identify your internal team
- Involve your FDRs
- Practice, practice, practice
- If you receive a start notice, be sure to ask questions if you have them
- Invite the right people to your calls with CMS before the audit
- Audits can be nerve-wracking, but we are here to help your organization improve its performance

Audit Process Overview

You've received an audit engagement letter, now what?

- Follow-up conference call 2 days after receipt of the engagement letter
- Within 5 days submit your list of self-identified/self-disclosed issues to CMS
- Submit all universe data within 15 days (quality check data first)
- CMS will schedule universe validation webinars for CDAG and ODAG universes
- The audit will begin 6 weeks after receipt of the audit engagement letter, starting with the entrance conference

Audit Process Overview (Cont.)

- Week 1 of the audit via webinar
- Beneficiary Impact Analysis (BIA) requested for issues found on audit
- Week 2 CPE review conducted onsite or via webinar
- The exit conference will be held
- Draft report sent 60 days after the exit conference
- Organizations have 10 days to respond to audit findings they do not agree with
- Final report, validation and audit closeout

Questions

