WHAT IS THE HFPP?

The HFPP is a voluntary, public-private partnership comprised of federal agencies from federal government, state and local government agencies, law enforcement, private health insurance plans, and healthcare anti-fraud associations. Our goal is to identify and reduce fraud, waste, and abuse across the healthcare sector through collaboration, data and information sharing, and cross-payer research studies. Given the HFPP’s broad membership encompassing a variety of stakeholders involved in the detection of fraud, waste, and abuse in the healthcare system, it is uniquely positioned to examine emerging trends and develop key recommendations and strategies to address them.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF JOINING?

**ENHANCED DATA ANALYTIC**
The HFPP is the only organization through which Partners can combine their data with public and private data, including the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), in order to gain heightened insights into fraud, waste, and abuse.

**EXPANDED RESEARCH**
Partners inform study criteria and designs for maximum impact, joining forces to address emerging trends with fraud, waste, and abuse implications.

**CONFIDENTIALITY & SECURITY**
A Trusted Third Party (TTP) enforces the security and de-identification of Partner data. No Partner – public or private – has access to the data of other Partners.

**COLLABORATION**
Through a variety of HFPP events including InfoShare and webinars, Partners leverage their collective experiences to shape the future of the Partnership and combat healthcare fraud across the nation.

Learn more about HFPP’s benefits by visiting [www.cms.gov/hfpp/become-a-partner/benefits-of-membership](http://www.cms.gov/hfpp/become-a-partner/benefits-of-membership)

HOW TO JOIN THE HFPP?

After the initial vetting process, each Partner organization is required to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which describes the purpose and objectives of the HFPP as well as the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of each Partner organization.

Additionally, each Partner that wishes to submit data and participate in HFPP studies must either be a State Medicaid Agency or a private payer that executes a Data Sharing Agreement (DSA), which sets expectations for security and privacy safeguards and conditions under which data is submitted, aggregated, shared, and reported. The DSA is executed with the TTP, currently operated by GDIT.

Upon execution of these agreements, the organization is granted full Partner status and begins the onboarding process.

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ABOUT HFPP STUDIES

HFPP studies provide Partners with actionable information about healthcare system wide issues. Through an agile approach, HFPP studies apply research methodologies to claims data from public and private sectors, analyze and compare trends across multi-payer environments and deliver payer-level and aggregate results that are meaningful and reliable.

Examples of upcoming HFPP studies include those that identify providers who:
- Pose risks of harm and endangerment to the health, safety, and welfare of individuals suffering from Substance Use Disorder.
- Are outliers for over-prescribing opioids to their patients.
- Bill for unnecessary COVID-19 add-on testing.

The number of studies that the HFPP completes per year varies based on a variety of factors, such as the level of Partner participation and data sharing, and the size and complexity of the studies.

ADVANTAGES OF BEING A PARTNER:

ATTEND EVENTS SURROUNDING HFPP STUDIES OUTCOMES
Participate in information-sharing activities that allow you to collaborate on best practices, identify case leads, discuss study results, and develop relationships with peers and leading anti-fraud experts.

SHARE IDEAS AND PARTICIPATE IN STUDY DEVELOPMENT
Share ideas and fraud schemes that can be developed into study designs. Increase your own capabilities and skills by helping to advance and refine the methodologies and analytics used in HFPP studies.

CONTRIBUTE DATA
By sharing data, Participants receive individualized results that lead to more actionable fraud-fighting methods. Sharing data also helps to increase the impact of our overall results and findings.

PROVIDE AND SHARE STUDY OUTCOMES AND ACTIONABLE RESULTS
Share your outcomes and actionable insights to help the HFPP better understand how it can enhance Partner support, increase overall value, and quantify the return on investment for study participants.

SECURITY MEASURES

The HFPP has an external party perform a standard security attestation that reflects the expected security and privacy safeguards. These security and privacy controls protect sensitive information as defined by Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publication, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication, Security and Privacy Controls for Federal Information Systems and Organizations, and the CMS Acceptable Risk Safeguards (ARS).

Sensitive information is protected by the Trusted Third Party (TTP)’s Security and Privacy Program (S&PP). The S&PP controls were independently assessed, and the resulting security and privacy posture and risk profile were evaluated and accepted by CMS. The S&PP continuously monitors and improves controls in response to emerging threats and vulnerabilities.

The S&PP is owned and operated by the TTP and has received Authorization to Operate (ATO) from CMS. To preserve Partner equities and interests, CMS has accepted the TTP’s ATO to operate the S&PP independently of CMS. Partners preserve their ownership of, rights to, and interests in their data as defined in the MOU and DSA.

WHAT TYPE OF INFORMATION WILL HFPP TPP PROTECT?

The TTP protects all Partners’ information – including sensitive and proprietary information – as defined in the data-sharing agreement (DSA) and/or memorandum of understanding (MOU).

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