

# DUPLICATE PAYMENT CHECKS



## PERM RC FAST FACTS

### DUPLICATE PAYMENT ELEMENT

The PERM Review Contractor (RC), Empower AI, determines if the sampled service or claim was previously paid during the Data Processing (DP) review. The PERM Statistical Contractor, The Lewin Group, does not identify duplicate payments within the PERM universe. Checking for duplicate payments is one of the DP review elements.

### DUPLICATE PAYMENT CHECK PROCESS

DP reviewers conduct a claims history search using the beneficiary ID and date of service (DOS) of the sampled claim. The reviewer checks thirty calendar days prior to the DOS and sixty calendar days after the DOS to find previously paid claims. If the reviewer finds multiple claims for the beneficiary, the reviewer compares elements in the bulleted list below to determine if a duplicate payment exists. If the state system limits search criteria options, the DP reviewer conducts the search using the minimum amount of criteria to ensure all possible duplicate situations display in the system. Notify the RC as soon as possible with questions about the duplicate payment check process or the documentation needed to support duplicate payment checks.

Duplicate payments include the following:

- Previously or subsequently paying the same provider for the same service on the same DOS.
- Payment to a different provider for the same service on the same DOS, e.g., paying two nursing facilities for the same DOS.
- Payment for overlapping institutional stays.
- Sampled line item duplicated on a different line within the same claim. If a DP reviewer finds this situation, the DP reviewer will review the state policy on multiple billings for the same service on the same DOS.