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Payment Error Rate Measurement FFY06 (PERM FFY06)

PERM is a federal and state project. Its purpose is to determine claims payment error rates within the Kansas Medical Assistance Program (KMAP). Kansas is a participant again this year. The results of this project will help improve the accuracy and efficiency of state claims payments. Reviewing samples of Medicaid claims payments is an essential part of this project.

Beginning in October, Livanta LLC, (Livanta), a federal contractor, will request medical records from randomly selected providers. Livanta's initial contact will be by telephone and then by fax or letter. If you are contacted, please cooperate with timely responses to their request. This will expedite the review and minimize the need for multiple provider contacts.

These records requests are permitted disclosures under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy regulations. Please see 45 CFR Section 164.512(d)(1)(iii). These requests are also consistent with the mandatory compliance statement contained in all KMAP provider agreements.

Please note if medical records aren't submitted as requested, this project requires the claim associated with those records be recorded as an error. An error reflects negatively on you the provider, and upon our Medicaid program, and it increases our error rate. KMAP will recover payments for claims identified as errors.

Livanta will not return medical record information to providers. Please submit copies of medical records instead of originals. Information collected for this study will be held in strict confidence in compliance with all applicable policies, requirements, regulations, and statutes. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please call or write:

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Information about the Kansas Medical Assistance Program as well as provider manuals and other publications are on the KMAP Web site at <https://www.kmap-state-ks.us>.

If you have any questions, please contact the KMAP Customer Service Center at 1-800-933-6593 (in-state providers) or (785) 274-5990 between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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