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Mr. Joseph McTernan
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Dear Mr. McTernan:

This is in response to your recent inquiry concerning the calculation methodology for determining the additional documentation limit used by the Region A Recovery Auditor.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Provider Compliance Group (PCG) was previously made aware of this issue in February 2013. PCG investigated and communicated with the Recovery Auditor on the correct methodology to calculate the additional documentation request (ADR) limits. The Recovery Auditor erroneously used the minimum amount for another provider type and applied it to Durable Medical Equipment Prosthetic and Orthotic Suppliers (DMEPOS). This was incorrect and the Recovery Auditor fixed their calculation as soon as CMS made them aware of their mistake. As of February 26, 2013 all suppliers who had received incorrect additional documentation limits were issued revised notices.

CMS is currently in the process of recompeting the Recovery Auditor contracts. As part of the new contract CMS is considering adjusting the additional document request limits for very small DMEPOS suppliers. If you have any comments concerning future ADR limits for small DMEPOS suppliers or issues regarding the Recovery Auditors please send them directly to the Director of the Division of Recovery Audit Operations Connie Leonard at connie.leonard@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Mills". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

George Mills
Director
Provider Compliance Group