Payment Integrity Scorecard

Program or Activity
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) - Medicaid

Reporting Period
Q4 2026

FY 2025 Overpayment Amount ($M)* **$35,030**

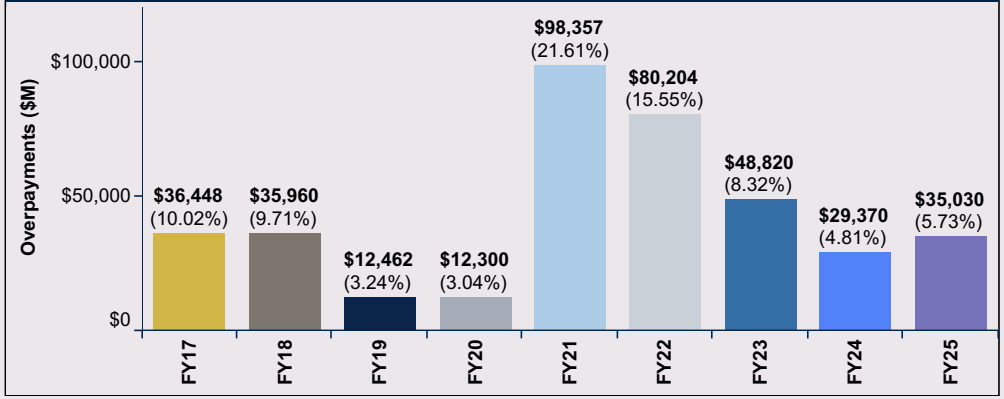
*Estimate based a sampling time frame starting 7/2023 and ending 6/2024

HHS
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Brief Program Description & summary of overpayment causes and barriers to prevention:

Medicaid is a joint federal/state program, administered by HHS, that provides health insurance to eligible low-income individuals and long-term care services to seniors and disabled individuals. Overpayments occur because: providers are not properly screened by the state or not enrolled; the National Provider Identifier is not on the claim; a beneficiary is enrolled when ineligible or determined to be eligible for the incorrect eligibility category; beneficiary redeterminations are not conducted in a timely manner; sufficient documentation is not provided to support eligibility determinations. Barriers to prevention include: high state employee turnover, lack of state employee training, and insufficient eligibility edits.

Historical Payment Rate and Amount ($M)
(Overpayment as Percentage of Total Outlays)



Discussion of Actions Taken in the Preceding Quarter and Actions Planned in the Following Quarter to Prevent Overpayments

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) continued to offer the data compare service to states, which allows them to rely on Medicare screening for dually enrolled providers. CMS also utilized monthly Technical Advisory Group calls to offer an open forum to address area specific questions from states, including provider enrollment and fraud, waste, and abuse. CMS maintains additional resource documents for states, including a centralized moratoria page and provider enrollment directory. CMS will continue to monitor Corrective Action Plan submissions and follow up with all states on their progress in implementing effective corrective actions, and will continue to issue quarterly updates via the Medicaid Provider Enrollment Compendium to provide enhanced sub-regulatory guidance to states.

	Accomplishments in Reducing Overpayment	Date
1	Provided technical assistance and guidance to the 17 states within a Payment Error Rate Measurement cycle to ensure their corrective action plans addressed the source of identified errors. Utilized Technical Advisory Groups to target specific risk areas.	Sep-26
2	Approved detailed provider revalidation strategy plans for from all 50 states for completeness.	Sep-26
3	The Medicaid Integrity Institute provided education to states and territories covering: Professional Coding, Medicaid Emerging Vulnerability Intelligence and Actions, Applied Behavioral Analysis Policies and Program Integrity Oversight, and Medicaid Risk Assessments.	Sep-26

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	Goals towards Reducing Overpayments	Status	ECD
1	Provide in-person targeted assistance to five states (Georgia, Kansas, Washington, Arkansas, and Illinois) to support compliance with all applicable provider enrollment, screening, and disclosure requirements, ultimately reducing payment error rates.	**Completed**	Sep-26
2	Monitor Corrective Action Plan submissions and follow-up with all states on their progress in implementing effective corrective actions. Gather lessons learned to inform areas to evaluate for future guidance and education.	**Completed**	Sep-26

	Recovery Method	Brief Description of Plans to Recover Overpayments	Brief Description of Actions Taken to Recover Overpayments
1	**Recovery Audit**	Medicaid Recovery Audit Contractors identify and correct improper Medicaid payments through the collection of overpayments and reimbursement of underpayments made on claims for health care services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries.	Medicaid Recovery Audit Contractors operate at the direction of the states. States have the discretion to determine what areas of the Medicaid programs to target based on vulnerabilities identified in their respective states.
2	**Recovery Activity**	Current statutory authority only allows eligibility-related overpayments to be recovered through the Payment Error Rate Measurement program. Other payment errors are recoverable on a sample basis.	States must return the federal share of certain overpayments identified by the Payment Error Rate Measurement program within one year from the date the recovery contractor submits the Final Errors for Recovery report.
3	**Recovery Audit**	Unified Program Integrity Contractors conduct post-payment investigations and audits of Medicaid providers and managed care plans throughout the country and report identified overpayments to the states for recovery.	States are responsible for sending demand letters to the appropriate providers or plans, collecting overpayments, and remitting the federal share to CMS. Providers may appeal the findings of a final audit report through their state's administrative process.

Amt($)	Root Cause of Overpayment	Root Cause Description	Mitigation Strategy	Brief Description of Mitigation Strategy and Anticipated Impact
$35,030M	Overpayments that occurred because of a Failure to Access Data/Information Needed.	Providers not screened with risk-based criteria before the claim payment; missing Type 1 National Provider Identifier for Ordering/Referring Provider; insufficient documentation for eligibility or redetermination; providers not responding to records requests.	Audit - process for assuring an organization's objectives of operational effectiveness, efficiency, reliable financial reporting, and compliance with laws, regulations, and policies.	Assist states with best practices and messaging with their provider community to ensure proper record retention and response to audits to verify compliance.
			Training – teaching a particular skill or type of behavior; refreshing on the proper processing methods.	Provide state Medicaid provider enrollment best practices, technical assistance, and training to ensure eligibility criteria is met.
			Automation - automatically controlled operation, process, or system.	Assist states with upgrading provider enrollment systems to ensure the applicable edits are available to ensure improper payments are not made for claims that do not meet requirements, such as the Ordering/Referring Provider National Provider Identifier.