



Fraud Payment Suspension Policy

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Policy

It is MediTrans' policy to suspend all Medicaid payments to a provider after the agency (Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office, Office of the Atty General, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit) [VG2] determines there is a credible allegation [VG3][EH4][JB5] of fraud (per 42 CFR § 455.2) for which an investigation is pending under the Medicaid program against an individual or entity unless the agency has good cause to not suspend payments or to suspend payment only in part [VG6] (take only a portion of the payment owed to the provider). [VG7][EH8][JB9]

Procedure

- 1) MediTrans receives word from the health plan's FWA Department that LDH has approved suspension of Transportation Provider payments. Method of notification to be determined by the Health Plan.
- 2) MediTrans notifies its Finance Department to suspend payments. Payments will be suspended within the requested timeframe. MediTrans is able to begin suspension of payments within 5 days due to payments only being made on Fridays. MediTrans would initiate the suspension on the date received, but would not be able withhold a payment until the next payment went out. [VG10]
- 3) Once confirmed, the Transportation Provider is notified, in writing, by the MediTrans Provider Relations Department. Written notification comes in the form of a letter attached to an email unless it is requested that the letter be sent by postal service. [VG11][EH12]