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PROVIDER ALERT:

Notification of DRG, OPPS and ASC Validation Audits
as Part of Payment Integrity Program

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2025

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring accurate and appropriate reimbursement, MedStar Family Choice District of Columbia is expanding our Payment Integrity Program. We are pleased to announce an enhanced partnership with Alaffia Health to support this initiative.

Effective December 1, 2025, Alaffia Health will **conduct Diagnosis-Related Group (DRG), Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), and Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Validation Audits** on our behalf.

These reviews will be conducted in a post-pay fashion and will include a one-time lookback period of three (3) years from the implementation date. The audits are designed to confirm the accuracy of billing, coding, and clinical documentation while ensuring compliance with applicable regulatory and contractual requirements.

OPPS and ASC Validation Audits will follow the same process currently used for Itemized Bill Review (IBR) and Clinical Chart Review (CCR) audits which includes submission of a findings letter and the opportunity to rebut findings prior to claims adjustment.

DRG Validation Audits will align with the existing process used for Readmission Audits where the claim is regrouped and processed accordingly.

When an audit results in a claim adjustment, an overpayment letter will be generated to advise the provider of the reason for the adjustment. The standard appeals process will apply to all Payment Integrity audits.

Our goal is to promote accurate payments, reduce administrative burden through data-driven reviews, and strengthen the integrity of our claims processes.

We appreciate your continued partnership and commitment to delivering high-quality, cost-effective care to our members.

For questions concerning this Provider Alert and the MFC DC Provider Manual, please contact the MedStar Family Choice DC Provider Customer Service Department, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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