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# Strategic Plan for Medicaid Program Savings in RSPMI / Behavioral Health

## Health Care Task Force Presentation

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*Mission is to identify and combat Fraud, Waste,  
and Abuse in Medicaid payments and programs*

Identifying: Fraud, Recoveries, Cost Savings, and Reform

1. Federal Program Integrity Requirements
2. Payment Integrity Improvements
3. SFY2016 Projects and Initiatives



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# **1. Federal Program Integrity Requirements**

- I. Overpayments of Claims and Recoupments
- II. Medicaid Fraud Referrals
- III. False Claims Act Compliance
- IV. Provider Education
- V. Provider Corrective Action Plans



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## 2. Payment Integrity Improvements

*Implemented in SFY 2016*

- I. Increased Self-Reporting
- II. Cost Avoidance Data Analysis
- III. Medicaid Contracts and Program Reviews
- IV. MMIS Payment Reforms
- V. EMFAD Development
- VI. Increased utilization of Federal contractors



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## **3. SFY2016 Initiatives & Recommendations**

- I. Pharmacy review and edit recommendations
- II. Medicaid Crossover Reversals
- III. Dental and Optometry Reviews
- IV. Cost Avoidance Letters and Analysis
- V. RSPMI – 90853 Group Psychotherapy Study  
(*AdvanceMed Presentation*)**



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## **RSPMI – Audit and Review Observations**

- OMIG review of 90853 Group Psychotherapy Billing
- Significant Fraud referrals regarding RSPMI billing
- OMIG review of Prior Authorization process for RSPMI
- Identify and analyze other RSPMI billing practices where Arkansas is a statistical outlier
- Assist in developing long term plan to reform the RSPMI program



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## **OMIG -- Recommendations**

- Implement changes for Billing code 90853
  - Recommend a reduction from \$13.80 to \$10.00 for billable units
  - Recommend a reduction from 6 to 4 units allowed per session
  - Recommend a maximum payment rate of \$40.00 per day
  - Recommend a CAP on units per year for Group Psychotherapy  
(Providers may request additional therapy when appropriate.)

**Projected Annual Cost Savings \$35 million**

- Recommend changes to Prior Authorization process

**Projected Annual Cost Savings \$TBD**





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