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Strategic Plan for  
Medicaid Program Savings  
in RSPMI / Behavioral Health

Health Care Task Force Presentation

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Office of the Medicaid Inspector General, (OMIG)  
*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. SFY2017 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. SFY2017 Initiatives & Recommendations**

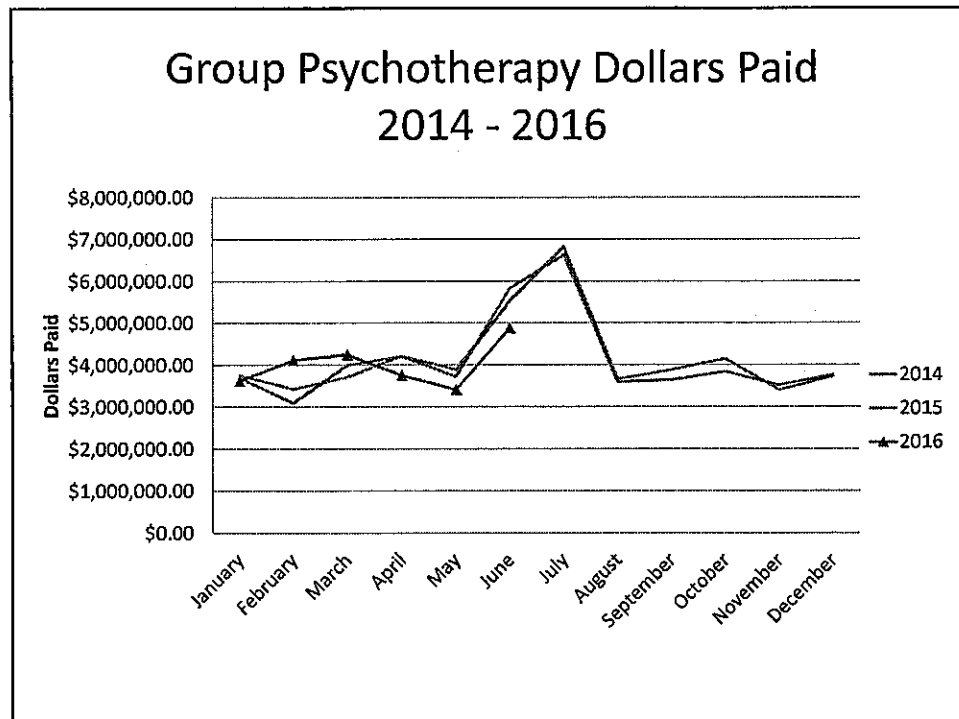
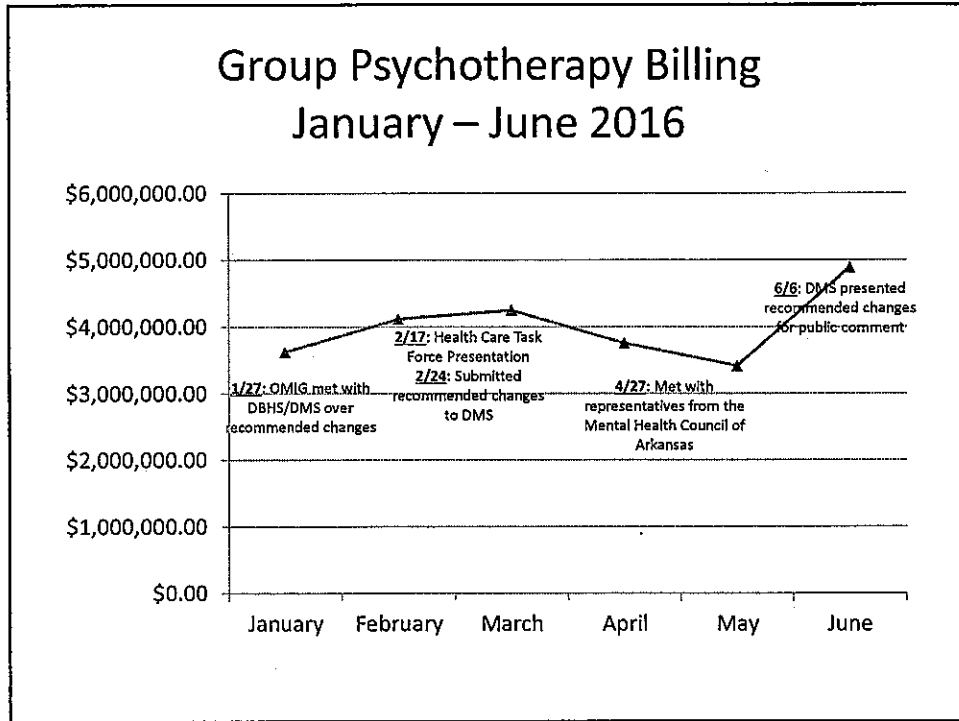
- I. M.D. v. APN Reimbursement
- II. Inpatient Facility One Day Stays
- III. Medicaid Crossover Void Adjustments
- IV. School District Medicaid Match Review
- V. Advanced Life Support v. Basic Life Support Reimbursement.
- VI. Provider Awareness Letters and Analysis
- VII. Medicaid Crossover Billing
- VIII. RSPMI – 90853 Group Psychotherapy Recommendations**




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

- OMIG review of 90853 Group Psychotherapy 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 for Reform

- 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 up to \$35 million**
- Recommend changes to Prior Authorization process  
**Projected Annual Cost Savings \$TBD**



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### OMIG Action

- **2/17/16: Presentation of recommended changes to the Health Care Task Force**
- **2/24/16: Submitted recommended changes to DMS**
- **4/27/16: Met with representatives from the Mental Health Council of Arkansas regarding the recommended changes**
- **6/6/16: DMS presented the recommended changes for public comment**
- **7/5/16: Public comment period ended. Nine (9) comments were submitted**



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