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**To:** All Medicare IPAs  
**From:** IEHP Provider Relations  
**Date:** June 30, 2023  
**Subject:** I-MEDIC and CMS Alerts: Providers Potential Inappropriate Billing

The Investigation Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor (I-MEDIC), in collaboration with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), have sent alerts to Medicare plans about providers who are potentially inappropriately billing.

Please review the attached memos specific to the providers cited below and utilize this information to monitor for potentially inappropriate claims.

NPI	Name	Address	City	State	Zip
15181063585	Dr. Jeffrey Alan Campbell M.D.	1804 E. 10 <sup>th</sup> St.	Jeffersonville	IN	47130
1841350162	Mark Dyer FNP	12400 Shelbyville Rd.	Louisville	KY	40243
17507958563	Physicians Primary Care, PLLC	1711 E. 10 <sup>th</sup> St.	Jeffersonville	IN	47130
1154350965	Dalal Akoury	4710 Oleander Drive	Myrtle Beach	SC	29577
1346564424	AWAREmed Wholistic Urgent Care PLLC	4710 Oleander Drive	Myrtle Beach	SC	29577
1568169944	AWAREmed Infusion Center	1604 Lamons Ln. Suite 202	Johnson City	TN	37604
1235186255	Dr. Jeannie Virginia Pasacreta Aprn, PHD	4 Abbey Ln.	Newton	CT	06470
1497402317	Integrated Mental Health Services	4 Abbey Ln	Newton	CT	06470
103292735	Goshen Family Physicians	1811 Charlton Ct.	Goshen	IN	46526

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the IEHP Provider Call Center at (909) 890-2054 or (866) 223-4347 or email [ProviderServices@iehp.org](mailto:ProviderServices@iehp.org)

Attachments:

CMS Memo – Alert: Dr. Jeffrey Campbell, Mark Dyer, and Physicians Primary C

CMS Memo – Alert: Dr. Dalal Akoury / A WAREmed

CMS Memo – Alert: Dr. Jeannie Pasacreta / Integrated Mental Health Services, LLC

CMS Memo – Alert: Goshen Family Physicians

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Date: May 30, 2023

To: All Medicare Advantage Organizations (MAOs) and Prescription Drug Plan Sponsors (PDPs)

From: Sherri G. McQueen, Director  
Fraud Investigations Group, Center for Program Integrity

Re: *Alert:* Dr. Jeffrey Campbell, Mark Dyer, and Physicians Primary Care

The Investigations Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor (I-MEDIC), in collaboration with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), have identified a physician and an advanced practice registered nurse sentenced on:

- Conspiracy to unlawfully distribute and dispense controlled substances
- Conspiracy to commit health care fraud, health care fraud
- Conspiracy to commit money laundering<sup>1</sup>

This alert serves as notification to all plan sponsors of potentially inappropriate billing by these providers.

On March 29, 2023, physician Jeffrey Campbell, age 64, was sentenced in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky to 105 months in prison, followed by a three-year term of supervised release. Advanced practice registered nurse Mark Dyer, age 54, was sentenced to 60 months in prison, followed by a three-year term of supervised release. There is no parole in the federal system.

Additionally, Campbell's medical practice, Physicians Primary Care, PLLC (PPC), was ordered to pay a fine of \$1,000,000 for conspiracy to unlawfully distribute and dispense controlled substances and conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

According to court documents and evidence presented during the jury trial in May and June of 2021, Campbell, Dyer, and PPC:

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<sup>1</sup> US Department of Justice; Kentuckiana Physician and Nurse Practitioner Sentenced for Conspiracy to Distribute Controlled Substances, Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud, Health Care Fraud, and Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering. <https://www.justice.gov/usao-wdky/pr/kentuckiana-physician-and-nurse-practitioner-sentenced-conspiracy-distribute>. Accessed April 6, 2023.

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- Conspired to unlawfully distribute and dispense controlled substances between January 1, 2009, and December 1, 2016.
- Conspired to commit health care fraud for falsely and fraudulently billing Kentucky Medicaid (Passport), Indiana Medicaid, Tricare, Medicare, and other health care benefit programs by submitting claims for physical therapy, counseling and exercise services using evaluation, and management codes to obtain higher reimbursement.

Additionally, Campbell and Dyer conspired to commit money laundering for paying and/or receiving bonuses to incentivize the ordering of physical therapy, counseling, and exercise. They also fraudulently billed for physical therapy services using evaluation and management codes as if a physician performed a service on the patients, when a non-physician and non-physical therapist performed the service on the patients.

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1518063585	Dr. JEFFREY ALAN CAMPBELL M.D.	1804 E. 10TH ST.	JEFFERSONVILLE	IN	47130
1841350162	MARK DYER FNP	12400 SHELBYVILLE RD.	LOUISVILLE	KY	40243
1750795563	PHYSICIANS PRIMARY CARE, PLLC	1711 E. 10TH ST.	JEFFERSONVILLE	IN	47130

CMS and the I-MEDIC are using this alert to provide plan sponsors with the details of these specific providers to aid your compliance programs in the monitoring of potentially inappropriate claims in accordance with Chapter 9 of the *Prescription Drug Benefit Manual* and Chapter 21 of the *Medicare Managed Care Manual*.<sup>3</sup>

Please report your vetted complaints to CMS and the I-MEDIC by using the Health Plan Management System Program Integrity portal. If your organization has questions on this matter, please contact Bill Roland of the I-MEDIC at [rolandb@qlarant.com](mailto:rolandb@qlarant.com).

<sup>2</sup> US Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; National Plan and Provider Enumeration System. <https://npiregistry.cms.hhs.gov>. Accessed December 21, 2022.

<sup>3</sup> *Medicare Managed Care Manual*, Chapter 21 and *Prescription Drug Benefit Manual*, Chapter 9: Compliance Program Guidelines. <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/prescription-drug-coverage/prescriptiondrugcovcontra/downloads/chapter9.pdf>. Accessed June 18, 2022.

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Re: *Alert: Dr. Dalal Akoury / AWAREmed*

The Investigations Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor (I-MEDIC), in collaboration with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), have identified a doctor and medical clinic accused of making a wide range of false and unsupported claims for addiction treatment services, cancer treatment services and the treatment of other serious conditions<sup>1</sup>. This alert serves as notification to all plan sponsors of potentially inappropriate billing by this provider.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) is suing Dr. Dalal Akoury and a set of companies she controls that operate as AWAREmed Health and Wellness Resource Center. Akoury's AWAREmed clinic used to be located in Myrtle Beach, SC but has moved to Johnson City, TN.

The FTC said in its ads, the AWAREmed boasts that it has a 98% improvement rate and can treat anything, including addictions to methadone, alcohol, food and even gambling.

AWAREmed also promotes cancer treatments on its website, claiming that patients would experience "exceptional results" and that virtually all patients at any disease stage would see some kind of improvement after being treated at the clinic, according to the FTC. The FTC also noted that Akoury would appear on TV segments in Myrtle Beach to promote AWAREmed.

The proposed order filed by the Department of Justice earlier this month bars Akoury and her clinic from making the unsupported claims and also requires them to have "competent and reliable scientific evidence for any health-related claims they make in advertising and marketing."

Back in 2020, at the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, Akoury and AWAREmed were accused of making unsubstantiated claims for a COVID-19 prevention treatment. Akoury and AWAREmed were cleared by the FTC after making an update to its website.

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<sup>1</sup> WMBF News; FTC sues former Myrtle Beach doctor for false addiction, cancer treatments [FTC sues former Myrtle Beach doctor for false addiction, cancer treatments \(wmbfnews.com\)](https://www.wmbfnews.com) Accessed March 31, 2023.

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1154350965	DALAL AKOURY	4710 OLEANDER DRIVE	MYRTLE BEACH	SC	29577
1346564424	AWAREMED WHOLISTIC URGENT CARE PLLC	4710 OLEANDER DRIVE	MYRTLE BEACH	SC	29577
1568169944	AWAREMED INFUSION CENTER	1604 LAMONS LN STE 202	JOHNSON CITY	TN	37604

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Re: *Alert: Dr. Jeannie Pasacreta / Integrated Mental Health Services, LLC*

The Investigations Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor (I-MEDIC), in collaboration with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), have identified a psychologist and advanced registered nurse (ARNP) who pleaded guilty to defrauding Medicaid by billing the government health insurance program for thousands of dollars.<sup>1</sup>

This alert serves as notification to all plan sponsors of potentially inappropriate billing by these providers.

Dr. Jeannie Pasacreta, 66, of Abbey Lane, Newtown, pleaded guilty today in Hartford Superior Court to one count of Health Insurance Fraud, in violation of Connecticut General Statutes Sections 53-442/443. In addition, the defendant was ordered to pay \$79,418.77 in restitution.

By pleading guilty to a program-related felony, the defendant is also subject to mandatory exclusion as a health care provider to certain federally funded health programs pursuant to federal and state laws and regulations.

An investigation by the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Office of the Chief State's Attorney determined that over a two-year period beginning in 2016, the defendant, through her firm Mental Health Services, LLC, billed Medicaid for hundreds of claims for services that were never rendered.

Based on patient schedules, Medicaid payment histories, and 15 patients' recollections, among other information, the investigation concluded that the defendant fraudulently billed the Medicaid program and received \$79,418.77 in Medicaid payments that she was not entitled to receive.

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<sup>1</sup> Connecticut State Division of Criminal Justice; Newtown Psychologist Sentenced for Medicaid Fraud. <https://portal.ct.gov/DCJ/Press-Room/Press-Releases/03292023Pasacreta> Accessed April 6, 2023.

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NPI	Name	Address	City	State	Zip
1235186255	Dr. JEANNIE VIRGINIA PASACRETA APRN, PhD	4 ABBEY LN	NEWTOWN	CT	06470
1497402317	INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	4 ABBEY LN	NEWTOWN	CT	06470

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**Re:** *Alert:* Goshen Family Physicians

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), in collaboration with the Investigations Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor (I-MEDIC), has identified a family practice that is balance billing beneficiaries for COVID-19 vaccines. This alert serves as notification to all plan sponsors of potentially inappropriate billing by this provider.

Medicare beneficiaries can get the COVID-19 vaccine, including additional doses and booster doses, without a physician’s order or supervision, and they pay nothing for the vaccine and its administration.<sup>1</sup> Physicians may not balance bill, or charge for other services, if no additional care is provided.

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1033292735	GOSHEN FAMILY PHYSICIANS	1811 CHARLTON CT	GOSHEN	IN	46526

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<sup>1</sup> US Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; Medicare Billing for COVID-19 Vaccine Shot Administration <https://www.cms.gov/medicare/covid-19/medicare-billing-covid-19-vaccine-shot-administration> Accessed May 26, 2023.

<sup>2</sup> US Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services; National Plan and Provider Enumeration System <https://npiregistry.cms.hhs.gov> Accessed December 21, 2022.

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