

CALL FOR SESSIONS

CASE STUDY PRESENTATIONS

Presentations that incorporate case studies are of particular importance to attendees because they go beyond simply talking about a topic or issue. They educate using real-world situations and help participants to develop problem-solving skills, understand analytical tools and learn complex decision making. Examples of case study topics include:

- Pharmacy
- School based services
- Mental health
- Current fraud schemes
- Long term care
- PERM
- Behavioral health

SUGGESTED SESSION TOPICS

Investigative Skills

Submissions should focus on how to build the investigative skills of program integrity personnel. Investigative skills are not the same as audit skills and conducting sound investigations require particular skillsets. Presentation proposals should include details about what skill sets are the focus of the presentation and should detail how to build these skill sets. Examples could include how to use data analysis to form the basis for the investigative plan, how to infuse interviews in a non-law enforcement investigation, or how to present investigative findings to supervisors or law enforcement. Other aspects of investigations and investigative concepts may include investigation processes, report writing, or including technology such as social media tools or IP address research into investigations. Other examples may include nuances for investigations in specified provider types such as DME, Behavioral Health, or Home Health.

Auditing Best Practices

Submissions should focus on audit-specific issues such as the use of statistical sampling, peer review requirements, unique skill sets particular to auditing (e.g., attention to detail and ability to testify well in court). Presentation proposals should include details about what "best practices" are the focus of the presentation and should detail how to master these practices. Examples include audit processes, report writing, and nuances for audits in specified provider types such physician audits vs. hospital audits.

Legal Concepts for the PI Professional

Session proposals should be geared toward laws that are pertinent to PI Professionals. Examples may include general discovery issues, elements of compliance plans and anti-fraud plans (from a federal perspective), HIPAA, ACA components, Health Care Fraud and Abuse Control Program, federal anti-trust laws, or specific health care fraud provisions, such as the:

- Anti-kickback Statute 42 USC 1320a-7b.
- Stark Anti-Referral Statute 42 USC 1395nn.
- Civil False Claims Act 31 -- USC sections 3729-3733,
- Health Care Fraud Statute 18 USC 1347, or
- Money Laundering 18 USC 1956



Other legal issues of relevance, such as how to maximize forfeiture proceedings to the benefit of the PI Unit, as well as other confidentiality laws (e.g., patient consent requirements for particular records), would also be included in this category.

Fraud Schemes Related to ...

For each of the categories related to fraud schemes (Pharmacy and Prescription Drugs, Behavioral Health, Beneficiary Fraud, or other substantive fraud schemes) presentations should describe information such as: how did the investigation begin, what were the red flags or other indicators that served as the initial "detection", how was the investigation conducted, who conducted the investigation (PI, other, partnership).

Program Integrity Partnerships

Submissions should focus on how to build and sustain effective partnerships with state and federal government, provider organizations, managed care organizations, educational organizations, professional associations, and any other partners who can help aid in fraud prevention, detection, and enforcement/prosecution efforts. Presentation submissions may include how to overcome hurdles or highlight successes at cooperatively working to improve outcomes.

COVID-19 Fraud Schemes

We will also be considering case studies, best practices and lessons learned on dealing with fraud schemes specific to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other

If you didn't see the topics you are interested in, please submit the topic to your <u>regional rep</u> for consideration and approval. Please also submit your presentation idea on the call for sessions survey and upload a summary of the topic so that the review committee can consider your proposal.