

# Illinois Health Partners

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Dear Illinois Health Partners Physicians,

As you are aware, all providers who participate in the Medicare Advantage program are required to accept Medicare assignment. In order to accept assignment and keep your NPI numbers, each provider and office is required to meet the CMS guidelines including the development and implementation of policies and procedures and subsequent training of their staff on the CMS mandated compliance issues.

As part of the Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Medicare Advantage contract, BCBS requires that annually IHP and all affiliated providers of service to members enrolled in government health plans comply with these CMS mandated Medicare training and compliance program standards, policies and procedures.

Identified in this communication are the following:

- CMS Medicare Parts C & D Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Training and General Compliance Training
- Edward-Elmhurst Health Standards of Conduct Presentation/ Standards of Conduct Agreement Form (page 24)
- CMS Compliance Education Attestation Form

**Action is Required by 12/1/2015 To comply with CMS and BCBS-IL requirements, please:**

- Review the CMS Training presentation documents under *Compliance/Training*, with your office's physicians and staff;
- **Sign the attached attestation** confirming receipt of the above information and that your office personnel have been trained through either an existing compliance program or the presentation found on the IHP website.
- Review the Standards Code of Conduct presentation document under *Compliance/Training*, with your office's physicians and staff;
- **Compete and Sign the Standards of Conduct Agreement (page 24)**

**\*\*Please fax or email the signed attestation AND signed page 24 of the Standards of Conduct Agreement by 12/01/2015, to Sheri Kowalski at 630-527-7347 or email to [skowalski@edward.org](mailto:skowalski@edward.org).**

Additional information on CMS compliance, guidelines and requirements can be found at the following CMS Website <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Compliance-and-Audits/Part-C-and-Part-D-Compliance-and-Audits/ComplianceProgramPolicyandGuidance.html>

Please contact Sheri Kowalski at 630-527-3487 if you have any questions. Thank you for your prompt attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Sheri Kowalski  
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