

Audits and Reviews of Medicaid Providers in Alaska

DOH assists providers with several different audits and reviews, requested by different agencies to measure different things. Here is a key to the common reviews that occur in Alaska.

Name of audit/review:	Agency requesting/ Authority	Scope	What is measured by this audit/review:	What is reviewed	Subcontractor conducting audit/review:	Type of provider affected:	Number of providers affected:	Timeline	Other/notes; Contact info
PERM: Payment Error Rate Measurement	CMS: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Improper Payment Information Act	Nation-wide (federal) Medicaid	States' rate of payment errors within the Medicaid and Childrens Health Insurance Program (CHIP or Denali Kid Care)	Review of Provider's Medical and Billing Records, State provider enrollment and data processing and recipient eligibility	Empower AI is the Review Contractor Booze Allen Hamilton is the Eligibility Review Contractor	All providers that bill Alaska Medicaid	The Fee For Service sample size is 389 claims for Medicaid and 327 claims for Denali Kid Care (DKC)	Each State is audited once every 3 years. Alaska is currently undergoing Reporting year 2024 audit, SFY2023 is the base year.	DOH Medicaid Program Integrity, 334-2413; https://health.alaska.gov/Commissioner/Pages/ProgramIntegrity/perm/default.aspx
Unified Program Integrity contractor (UPIC) audits	CMS: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Deficit Reduction Act	Nation-wide (federal) Medicaid	Medicaid Overpayment Identification	Provider claims based on reviews by CMS review contractor	Qlarant who subcontracts with GDIT	All Alaska providers that bill Medicaid	Varies from year to year	Annually, generally covering 2- 3 years of claims data	DOH Medicaid Program Integrity 269-0361
Disproportionate Share Audit (DSH)	CMS: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services 42 CFR 455 Subpart D	Nation-wide (federal) Medicaid	Appropriateness of DSH Payments	States' processes; Provider documentation	Myers and Stauffer LC	Hospitals receiving state DSH payments	Varies from year to year	Annually, start in July, end in September	DOH Office of Rate Review 334-2466
Myers and Stauffer (AS 47.05.200)	Alaska State Legislature, via AS 47.05.200	Statewide Medicaid	Improper Medicaid payments	Provider Claims	Myers and Stauffer LC	All Alaska providers who bill Medicaid more than \$30,000.	50 per year	Annually covering 1 calendar year	DOH Program Integrity 269-0361
Financial statement and State and Federal Single Audit	Federal through 2 CFR 200, State of Alaska through 2 AAC 45.010 and DOH through 7 AAC 78.230	Grantees subject to Single Audit requirement and Home and Community based waiver providers	Compliance with applicable laws, regulations and grant provisions, accuracy of financial reporting.	Accounting and program processes	Independent CPA firms	Providers that are grant funded and HCBW Providers	Most grant funded and HCBW proviers	Annually if provider meets single audit threshold. Otherwise, biennially.	DOH Grant Audit Manager, Single Audit Representative. 907-465-3121. Office of Rate Review 334-2466
Cost report audit	Office of Rate Review 7 AAC 150.200	Desk audit - Medicaid	Facility cost and statistics.	Medicare cost report/Medicaid forms.	None	Facilities (nursing homes, long-term care hospitals, etc)	All hospitals, nursing homes and FQHC's	1 to 4 year audit cycle.	DOH Office of Rate Review 334-2466
SURS audit	Conduent/HMS 42 CFR 433 Subpart C	Statewide Medicaid	Medicaid payments, specifics vary by review	Provider Claims	Conduent/HMS at the direction of Health Care Services	All Alaska Medicaid providers	28 per quarter	varies	DOH Division of Health Care Services 334-2400

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Focused review or audit by DOH Medicaid Program Integrity	DOH 7 AAC 160.110	Statewide Medicaid	Medicaid payments, specifics vary by review	Varies by engagement	None	All Alaska Medicaid providers	All providers have the potential for being selected, no pre- determined number	varies	DOH Medicaid Program Integrity 269-0361
Electronic Health Records (E.H.R.) Incentive payment audit	Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (HITECH)	Providers receiving E.H.R. incentive payments	Incentive payment accuracy and eligibility	Program eligibility and payment accuracy	Myers and Stauffer LC	All Alaska Medicaid providers receiving E.H.R. incentive payments	Providers receiving E.H.R. incentive payments	Program participation from January 2011	DOH Health Information Technology hss.hitinfo@alaska.gov
Medicaid Provider Self- Audits	Alaska Legislature, AS 47.05.235; 7 AAC 160.115	Reporting year 2022 audits cover either 2019 or 2020 and are due 12/31/22	Improper Medicaid Payments. All identified overpayments must be returned to DOH	Appropriateness of Medicaid payments	Providers may elect to subcontract for this service	All Alaska Medicaid providers	All Medicaid providers	Providers must conduct a self-audit once every two years	DOH Medicaid Program Integrity 269-0361
Various Licensure, Certification, Grant Reviews	DOH	Facilities & Agencies required to be licensed or certified; all DHSS Grantee agencies	Compliance with program standards	Provider policies and procedures, personnel files to ensure appropriate staff qualificatons,	None	All Facilities & Agencies required to be licensed or certified; all grant DOH agencies	Only if applicable	Varies	State of Alaska, DOH