Auditing Physician Billings

Attending physicians, may be reimbursed for their professional services under a fee-for-service or capitation arrangement. The physician's practice, billing practices, and compensation may be audited. For physicians in a fee-for-service arrangement, random audits of medical or surgical procedures may occur. For many physicians, a final statement is issued on a regular basis summarizing the amount of remuneration due. However, in many areas where physicians bill for services on a fee-for-service basis, no audit or audit summary is issued to the physician. In response to this situation, many jurisdictions are implementing procedures for the review of medical and surgical procedures.

Reasons:

- To review medical and surgical procedures
- To ensure that charges are appropriate
- To determine the amount of reimbursement due
- To verify the accuracy of billing procedures

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