Auditing Physician Billings

Purpose:
The CMA is determined to ensure that physicians' activities are consistent with their responsibility to make best use of the services they provide. They provide physicians with guideline documents that they believe are consistent with their responsibilities. However, any guidelines that the CMA provides are necessarily broad. To ensure the integrity of physicians' activities, they have established an auditing process.

Antecedent:
To maintain the physician's medical practice through proper medical care, the physician must be able to bill patients for services rendered. The physician may bill for services in a variety of ways, including through the use of computer systems. The physician's practice may be audited by the CMA to ensure that the physician is billing for services that have been rendered and that the services are properly billed. The CMA may also audit the physician's practice to ensure that the physician is billing for services that have been rendered.

Recommendations:
The audit of physician practices may be undertaken by the CMA's audit committee. The audit committee may audit physician practices to ensure that the services billed are appropriately billed.

References:
Audit of Practice: Billing Guidelines

This manual provides the best practices for auditing physician practices. It is available to the CMA's audit committee. The manual is updated at least once per year.