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Steve Azia Comments on RACs in Managed Care Contracting and Reimbursement Advisor

Medicare and Medicaid audits are increasing sharply. In this Managed Care Contracting and Reimbursement Advisor article, Steve Azia notes that an increasing threat to physician practices is a tool, used by the various auditors, called extrapolated overpayments. For example, the auditor may look at a sample of 30 of the physician's claims and find an error rate of 60%. They then extrapolate that error rate to a much larger universe of claims by that practice.

"You may have an initial overpayment of \$10,000 that becomes a \$1 million extrapolated overpayment," Mr. Azia explains. "It is a very dangerous situation facing providers."

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