

Vigilant MEDS

Medical Exclusions Data Search

What — Healthcare entities are required to ensure that their employees and vendors are not sanctioned by Federal or State regulatory agencies and thus ineligible for reimbursement for services rendered under Federal and State programs. A sanctioned or excluded provider is an individual or business that has violated one more regulations and has been penalized through statutory or regulatory process from participation in a governmental program, such as Medicare or Medicaid.

How — The various regulatory agencies involved include OIG (US Department of Health & Human Services Office of Inspector General), GSA (US General Services Administration), NYS OMIG (New York State Office of the Medicaid Inspector General), and many more. These agencies each keep lists of excluded individuals and the lists are available for healthcare entities to utilize for name comparison purposes. The verification process entails two steps outlined below. Commercial Investigations LLC can assist healthcare entities with both steps or just the second step of the process. In completing both steps of the process, Commercial Investigations LLC outsources the first step of the process through a valued partnership.

In the first step, the list of employees and vendors is run through a computerized matching process. This process generates a list of potential matches via name or provider number. While this step is effective in identifying name and possibly provider number matches, there exists another level of identification verification necessary to rule out, or in, a matched person. The computer based comparison of the first step only go so far in making a positive identification.

The second step involves making positive or negative identification of name matches to the employees or -vendors. The investigators at Commercial Investigations LLC provide hands on manual research to make positive identifications of excluded individuals. This step is typically not available from the data matching providers and thus left up to the healthcare entity staff. Commercial Investigations LLC provides cost effective research by seasoned investigators that allow healthcare entities to outsource this process, saving staff time and shifting any associated liability. This second step is a manual process and Commercial Investigations LLC investigators are well versed in making the necessary identifications. The experienced investigators at Commercial investigations LLC conduct the second step involving the positive or negative identification. The end result is a list of individuals that have been positively identified as being excluded by one or more regulatory agencies through more than one personal identifier match (i.e. name and Social Security Number or Provider Number or Data of Birth or Address or Federal Tax Identification Number, etc.).

Why — The regulatory agencies databases released for the verification process do not contain sufficient personal identifiers to make a positive identification. So, these databases are used to make name matches, usually only first and last name. Because many people have the same name the second step is necessary for positive identification. The first step is usually offered by either compliance companies, data provider companies or computer software information technology companies. However, most of them do not offer assistance with making the positive identification necessary after the name matches are revealed. This is where the trained and experienced investigators of Commercial Investigations LLC come in with their expertise.

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