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Dear Pat:

This letter is to confirm our discussion today.

You confirmed that the NGS Jurisdiction 13 Part B Widespread CPT 99350 audit was terminated in May.

Specifically,

- 1) Medicare providers whose CPT 99350 claims hit the NGS claims processing system will no longer trigger an audit generated claim suspension and system generated letter requesting additional documentation in order for the claim to be evaluated and processed.

The CPT 99350 claims process will be that with customary, routine Medicare Part B edits as existed prior to the start of the audit and our members as Medicare Part B providers in CT/NY submitting a 99350 claim can expect their claims to process through the NGS system in this routine manner.

- 2) While the widespread audit has ended – NGS as the CT/NY MAC will now analyze the audit data to determine whether individual providers will be subject to additional claims review. This analysis will be conducted with a Carrier Medical Director who is named to take the place of Dr. Deutsch who is no longer the Carrier Medical Director for NGS-CT/NY.
- 3) Aggregate results of the widespread audit include the following -

An error rate of 70 plus percent existed at the beginning of the audit. The CPT 99350 error rate at the end of the audit was 40 plus percent (this reduction in error rate subject to more in depth analysis).

Thank you for your confirmation of the understanding described above. We appreciate your response to the concerns of AAHCP members providing cost effective care to home limited Medicare beneficiaries in CT and NY.

Sincerely:

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