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I. Purpose and Population:

- A. This policy applies to all Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans lines of business.
- B. Prevention, detection, control and reporting of fraud, waste and abuse.

II. Definitions:

- A. Please refer to the link below for full definitions:
[Policy Definitions](#)

III. Policy:

- A. In support of the Banner Plans and Networks Compliance Program and FWA Plan, it is the policy of the Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans to detect, prevent and control member and provider-related fraud, waste, and abuse (FWA) within the Medicare and Medicaid systems. To meet this goal, the Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans are committed to complying with applicable statutory, regulatory, and other requirements, sub-regulatory guidance and contractual commitments related to the delivery of Medicare and Medicaid benefits. The Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans have a written FWA plan to employ controls to prevent, detect and control potential cases of fraud, waste, and abuse. Additionally, this policy outlines the mechanisms utilized within the Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans to detect and prevent fraud, waste, and abuse.

IV. Procedure/Interventions:

- A. The Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans are committed to complying with applicable statutory and regulatory guidance, sub-regulatory guidance, contractual commitments, and other requirements related to the delivery of Medicare and Medicaid Systems benefits, including but not limited to the following:
 - 1. Federal False Claims Act
 - 2. The administrative remedies for false claims and statements

3. Anti-Kickback Statute
 4. Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA)
 5. Social Security Act
 6. Prohibition on inducements to members
 7. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)
 8. Other applicable criminal statutes
 9. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), specifically 42 CFR § 400, 403, 411, 417, 422, 423, 1001 and 1003
 10. AHCCCS ACOM 103 Fraud, Waste and Abuse
 11. All sub-regulatory guidance produced by CMS for Part C and Part D such as manuals, training materials and guides
 12. Applicable civil monetary penalties and exclusions and preclusions
 13. Applicable provisions of the federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act
 14. Applicable state laws relating to civil or criminal liability or penalties for false claims and statements
 15. Whistleblower protections under the federal False Claims Act or any applicable state laws
 16. Contractual commitments
- B. The Banner Plans and Networks have a Compliance Program and Fraud, Waste and Abuse Plan (FWA Plan).
1. The Compliance Program and FWA Plan is reviewed and updated annually.
 - a. The Compliance Program and FWA Plan is available on the Banner Health intranet under Compliance and Ethics for all Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans' employees and Board Members and available to agents and First Tier, Downstream and related Entities (FDRs) on the Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans' websites.
 - b. Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans employees receive training on the Banner Health Compliance Program as part of the Banner Health Compliance training in MyHR Learning. They also receive training on the Banner Plans and Networks Compliance Program and Fraud Waste and Abuse Plan through the MyHR Learning and are required to acknowledge that they have reviewed and understand the Banner Plans and Networks Compliance Program and FWA Plan. The Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans' Code of Conduct is part of this document. All Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans' employees are required to complete these trainings.
 2. New employees need to complete these trainings within 60 days of hire (Note: during National/State emergencies due dates were extended to 120 days). The trainings are provided to all other employees annually.
 3. FDRs contracted with the Medicare or Medicaid Program are required to attest annually that they have adopted the Banner Medicaid and Medicare Plans' Code of Conduct and Compliance Policies or have adopted their own Code of Conduct and Compliance Policies that are materially similar in content.
 4. As a part of the training, employees are provided information on fraud, waste and/or abuse prevention, recognition, and reporting, including the obligation to report without fear of retaliation.
- C. Prevention/ Detection of FDR Fraud, Waste and Abuse.
1. The Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans have in place, internal and external controls, policies and procedures that are capable of preventing, detecting, reporting and controlling fraud, waste and abuse activities of FDRs, to include FDRs in the Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans' Networks and FDRs delegated to perform Banner

Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans administrative functions. For example, operational policies and controls such as claims edits, credentialing activities, prior authorization, utilization and quality review, FDR education, post-processing review of claims, adequate staffing and resources to research unusual incidents, oversight of delegated FDR activities, internal monitoring and auditing and corrective action plans to assist the Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans in preventing and detecting potential fraud, waste and abuse activities.

2. The Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans' Compliance Department coordinates all FWA monitoring of information received from Medicare and Medicaid or other governmental agencies such as the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and facilitates the appropriate FWA steps to ensure proper monitoring for each situation.

D. Prevention/ Detection of Member Fraud, Waste or Abuse.

1. If the Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans are made aware of, or suspect, member fraud or abuse (for example, an FDR reports potential or suspected member fraud, or abuse to the Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans), the Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans will notify the appropriate government agency.
2. The Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans proactively monitor and audit services received by members to ensure members have received billed services. Services which are reported as not received by members are researched and potentially reported to the appropriate government agency by the Compliance Department.
3. The Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans Compliance Department coordinates all FWA monitoring of information received from Medicare and Medicaid or other governmental agencies such as the OIG and facilitates the appropriate FWA steps to ensure proper monitoring for each situation.

E. Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans Internal Reporting of FWA.

1. If a Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans employee discovers, or is made aware, an incident of potential fraud, waste or abuse, they notify their manager, director, the Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans' Compliance Officers, make a report via the compliance hotline, "ComplyLine," send a FWA referral through the Customer Relationship Management Module, forward to the Compliance Department email: BHPCompliance@bannerhealth.com, send through interoffice mail or U.S. mail, or submit via the dedicated compliance fax number 520 874 7072, immediately.
2. If a member or FDR discovers, or is made aware, that an incident of potential fraud, waste or abuse has occurred, they are to notify the Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans via the call center, their Care Transformation Representative, contact the Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans' Compliance Officers or Compliance Department or make a report via the ComplyLine immediately.
3. The Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans' Fraud, Waste and Abuse Specialists conduct a timely and reasonable inquiry into potential violations of federal and state criminal, civil, administrative laws, rules and regulations. The inquiry must take place within 2 weeks from when the issue of non-compliance was first identified. The Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (FWA) Specialists will research the inquiry to substantiate whether violations may have occurred.
4. The Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans' Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Specialists will also research potential outliers or fraud alerts issued by CMS, OIG, and any other Governmental Agencies.
5. The Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans' Compliance Department reports the incident to the appropriate government agency either by phone, U.S. mail, email, fax or on-line.

- F. Banner Medicaid Health Plans Reporting of FWA to AHCCCS.
1. If the Banner Medicaid Health Plans are made aware of an incident of alleged fraud, waste, or abuse has occurred or is occurring, the Banner Medicaid Health Plans' Compliance FWA Specialists will report the incident to the AHCCCS-OIG within 10 calendar days. Subcontractors, Contractors, Providers, Members, Volunteers, Interns or Community Stakeholders should report potential incidents of FWA to the AHCCCS OIG directly through the website, email or telephone within 10 calendar days. This information is posted in the Banner Plans and Networks Compliance Program and FWA Plan. Administrative Services Subcontractors and providers should also report the incident to the Banner Medicaid Health Plans' Compliance Department. Banner Medicaid Health Plans Staff or Governing Body Members can report directly to AHCCCS OIG or to the Compliance Department, who will then report on their behalf.
 2. If the Banner Medicaid Health Plans employees receive information about changes in a member's circumstances that may affect the member's eligibility including changes in the member's residence or the death of the member, the Banner Medicaid Health Plans employees will report the incident to the FWA Specialists or other Compliance Staff and they will promptly notify AHCCCS-OIG.
 3. To report to the AHCCCS-OIG, the Banner Medicaid Health Plans Compliance FWA Specialists shall use the online form "Report Member, Provider, or Contractor Suspected Fraud or Abuse of the Program," available on the AHCCCS-OIG website. Attached with the form, shall be all pertinent information to assist AHCCCS in its investigation process.
 4. If the Banner Medicaid Health Plans Staff, FDR, or contracted provider identifies an incident that would necessitate self-disclosure, the Banner Medicaid Health Plans Staff, FDR, or contracted provider shall report the incident within 10 calendar days to the AHCCCS-OIG by completing and submitting the "Provider Self Disclosure" form, found on the AHCCCS-OIG webpage. Attached with the form, shall be all pertinent information to assist AHCCCS in its investigation process.
 5. The OIG at AHCCCS handles all alleged fraud investigations. Once the Banner Medicaid Health Plans, Administrative Services Subcontractor, or providers have referred a case of alleged fraud, waste, and/or abuse, the Banner Medicaid Health Plans, Administrative Services Subcontractor or providers will take no action to recoup, offset or act in any manner inconsistent with AHCCCS-OIG's authority to conduct a full investigation, obtain a comprehensive recovery of any suspected overpayments, and/or impose a civil monetary penalty.
 - a. If AHCCCS-OIG chooses to seek additional and/or clarifying details regarding a referral from the Banner Medicaid Health Plans, the Banner Medicaid Health Plans Compliance Staff in partnership with any other department involved, will have 30 calendar days to provide the requested documentation.
 - b. The Banner Medicaid Health Plans, Administrative Services Subcontractor, or providers assign to AHCCCS the right to recoup any amounts overpaid to a provider as a result of fraud, waste, or abuse. In the event the Banner Medicaid Health Plans, Administrative Services Subcontractor, or providers receive or have recovered an overpayment or receive anything of value that could be construed to represent the repayment of any amount expended due to fraud, waste or abuse, the Banner Medicaid Health Plans applicable department, Administrative Services Subcontractor, or providers will notify AHCCCS-OIG immediately and forward that recovery to AHCCCS OIG within 30 days of its receipt.
 - c. The AHCCCS-OIG will notify the Banner Medicaid Health Plans when the investigation has concluded and of the necessary safeguarding required with relation to the confidentiality of the case.

- d. In the event that AHCCCS-OIG, either through a civil monetary penalty or assessment, a global civil settlement or judgment, or any other form of civil action, including recovery of an overpayment, receives a monetary recovery from an entity, the entirety of such monetary recovery belongs exclusively to AHCCCS and the Banner Medicaid Health Plans, Administrative Services Subcontractor, or providers have no claim to any portion of this recovery. These include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Recovery of an overpayment, Civil monetary penalties and/or assessments,
 - ii. Civil settlements and/or judgments,
 - iii. Criminal restitution,
 - iv. Collection by AHCCCS or indirectly on AHCCCS' behalf by the Office of the Attorney General,
 - v. Other, as applicable.
 - e. The Banner Medicaid Health Plans, Administrative Services Subcontractor, or providers assign to AHCCCS any and all of its rights to recover overpayments due to fraud, waste, or abuse.
 - i. If the AHCCCS-OIG determines that the case is not considered to be fraud, waste, or abuse, the Banner Medicaid Health Plans will refer to the appropriate AHCCCS policy manuals for further action.
 - f. The Banner Medicaid Health Plans Staff have a responsibility to report all situations even if the issue is identified through a delegated entity.
 - g. If the Banner Medicaid Health Plans Staff is made aware that an incident of alleged fraud, waste or abuse has occurred, the Banner Medicaid Health Plans Staff will report the incident by completing and submitting the reporting form available on the AHCCCS-OIG webpage within 10 calendar days or submitting to the Compliance Department to report.
 - h. The Banner Medicaid Health Plans Credentialing Department will also report to AHCCCS-OIG any credentialing denials including, but not limited to those resulting from licensure issues, quality of care concerns, excluded, terminated, or otherwise sanctioned providers, and those which are the result of alleged fraud, waste, or abuse.
- G. Banner Medicare Health Plans Reporting to Medicare.
- 1. For instances involving Part C and Part D potential fraud, waste and abuse, the Banner Medicare Health Plans Compliance Department forwards referrals to the Medicare Drug Integrity Contract (MEDIC) for further investigation and/or potential referral to law enforcement or regulatory agencies as required by law within 30 days after the determination that a violation may have occurred.
 - a. If the Compliance Officers, Fraud, Waste, and Abuse Specialists or other Compliance Department Staff does not have the resources to research the potential issue of Fraud, Waste, or Abuse in a timely manner, the matter will be referred to the Investigations (I) MEDIC within 30 days of the date the potential fraud or abuse is identified so that the potentially fraudulent or abusive activity does not continue.
 - b. Reports to MEDIC are done by completing the form in the HPMS portal.
 - c. The FWA Specialists complete a report in HPMS with the required information on the CMS form.
 - 2. MEDIC has the right to request additional information, so the matter can be resolved. If the MEDIC requests additional information, Banner Medicare Health Plans Compliance Staff furnishes the requested information within 30 days, unless the MEDIC specifies otherwise, or the member's health is at risk.
 - 3. Banner Medicare Health Plans Compliance Staff continue to track all aspects of the case and provides updates to the MEDIC when new information regarding the matter is identified.

4. Banner Medicare Health Plans Staff have a responsibility to report all situations even if the issue is identified through a delegated FDR. Banner Medicare Health Plans Staff should report to the Compliance Department who will then report to MEDIC.
 5. MEDIC will investigate the referrals from the Banner Medicare Health Plans, develop the investigations and make referrals to appropriate law enforcement agencies or other outside entities when necessary.
 6. If MEDIC determines a referral to be a matter related to non-compliance or mere error rather than fraud, waste, or abuse, it will be returned to CMS and/or the Banner Medicare Health Plans for appropriate follow-up.
- H. The Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans are required to research potential overpayments identified by Medicare or the OIG. If after the research is completed and actions are warranted, the Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans Compliance Staff attempt to recover any overpayments identified by submitting the request to the applicable department to process. The Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans advise Medicare and/or the OIG of the actions taken and the final disposition of the potential overpayment.
- I. FDR contracts contain Fraud, Waste and Abuse clauses.
- J. FWA Training Requirements.
1. The Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans take every opportunity to educate FDRs, FDR employees, and Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans employees on preventing, identifying, and reporting Fraud, Waste and Abuse and the False Claims Act as outlined in Banner Plans and Networks Policies ND 5019 Fraud Waste and Abuse Awareness – First Tier, Downstream and Related Entities and CP 5020 Employee Fraud Waste and Abuse Awareness.
 2. All Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans' FDRs are required to complete General Compliance and FWA training within 90 days of hire and annually thereafter.
 3. All Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans' employees, temporary employees, interns, volunteers, are required to complete the Banner Health required Compliance training which includes information on General Compliance, Code of Conduct, and FWA within 60 days of hire and annually thereafter. Governing Body members receive a specific Board Compliance Training which also includes information on General Compliance, Code of Conduct and FWA within 60 days of appointment and annually thereafter. (Note: during National/State emergencies due dates were extended to 120 days for new employees).
 4. Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans' Employees will complete FWA training through web-based training on the Banner MyHR Learning System.
 - a. Records of training completion will be maintained for 10 years.
 5. FDRs contracted with the Medicare Program will complete training using the training provided by Banner Medicare Health Plans or a comparable training.
 - a. FDRs are to maintain training records for 10 years.
 6. FDRs contracted with AHCCCS will complete training/education through their receipt of the Provider Manual and materials on the website including the available training on General Compliance and FWA.
 - a. Additional FWA and Compliance training will be provided to AHCCCS contracted providers through Provider Education meetings organized by Care Transformation Staff.
 - b. Care Transformation Staff will track receipt of manuals, if provided in person, as well as track communication to providers via fax or email, and other provider education and maintain records for 10 years.

7. Banner Medicaid and Medicare Health Plans members are to be educated on FWA including, but not limited to member newsletters, information on the websites, the Member Handbook, Claims verification by Customer Care, annual distribution of the Notice of Privacy Practices, and other member outreach and education efforts.

V. Procedural Documentation:

- A. 100% of suspected fraud, waste and abuse allegations will be properly reported, researched, documented, and tracked.

VI. References:

- A. Medicare.gov website – Forms, Help & Resources/Report Fraud and Abuse
- B. A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 29, Article 1, 36-2918.01
- C. 42 C.F.R. 455.2
- D. Chapter 9 Prescription Drug Benefit Manual, Chapter 21 Medicare Managed Care Manual, Section 50.3.2
- E. AHCCCS Contractor Operations Manual – Chapter 100; 103 Fraud and Abuse Policy
- F. AHCCCS Contractor Operations Manual – Chapter 400; 424 Verification of Receipt of Paid Services Policy
- G. AHCCCS Complete Care Contract; Paragraph 58 – Corporate Compliance
- H. AHCCCS EPD ALTCS Contract; Paragraph 64 – Corporate Compliance

VII. Related Policies/Procedures:

- A. Banner Plans and Networks Policy – ND 5003 Provider Notification and Communication Methods
- B. Banner Plans and Networks Policy – ND 5002 New Provider Orientation
- C. Banner Plans and Networks Policy – ND 3112 A Participating Provider Visits/Contacts
- D. Banner Plans and Networks Policy – CP 5227 Monitoring and Auditing
- E. Banner Plans and Networks Policy – ND 5019 Fraud Waste and Abuse First Tier, Downstream and Related Entity Awareness
- F. Banner Plans and Networks Policy – CP 5020 Fraud Waste and Abuse Employee Awareness

VIII. Keywords and Keyword Phrases:

- A. Fraud, Waste and Abuse
- B. Training
- C. I-MEDIC
- D. AHCCCS OIG