

HIP IMPLEMENTS STATE OF THE ART FRAUD DETECTION SOFTWARE

HIP's Special Investigations Unit (SIU) strives to prevent fraud and abuse. HIP has purchased IBM's Fraud and Abuse Management System (FAMS), a state of the art software package that will improve our methods of detection and investigation. FAMS provides the SIU with a unique tool in its efforts to reduce financial losses due to fraud and abuse.

FAMS compiles all claims data and ranks providers against peers in the same specialty group. The SIU reviews provider billings and scores the data, creating a "report card" which identifies providers who fall outside the norms of their peer groups. The report cards readily identify providers who routinely use more testing than others, or treat more patients on non-work days, for example.

FAMS also helps the SIU to uncover member fraud and abuse by identifying suspicious behavior in member histories. This software gives SIU instantaneous access to claims information that once took weeks to compile, resulting in more timely, efficient investigations.

HIP's SIU will use FAMS to take an even more aggressive approach to fraud prevention, detection and prosecution. The message is clear: ***providers and members who operate on less than honorable levels will not be successful at HIP!***