

HITTING THE RIGHT NOTES WITH HOME HEALTH COMPLIANCE



Operating a home health agency requires hitting all the right notes, and compliance plays a major role in whether the end result sounds sweet or out of tune.

Regulatory agencies are increasing their focus on compliance in home health, so check out the basics below:



The Medicare Fraud Strike Force discovered **\$900 MILLION** in false billings at U.S. healthcare agencies, including home health, in 2016 - a record figure.



301 INDIVIDUALS were charged for their alleged participation in healthcare fraud schemes, up from 243 in 2015.



\$34.9 MILLION in home health payments were corrected through Recovery Audit Contractor audits in 2014.

STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS

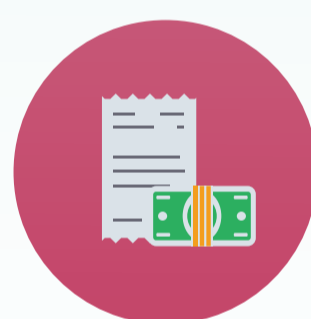
Compliance standards are designed to minimize the chance of negligence and fraud and prevent incidences like:



Duplicate billing.



Insufficient documentation of services.



Billing for unallowable costs.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

Home health agencies can help ensure compliance by:



- Establishing a compliance officer and team.
- Creating a compliance guide for staff.
- Using EMR software that supports compliance.

Thornberry's advanced EMR software and expert team can help your agency hit all the right notes so that compliance is music to your ears.



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