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Dear Medicaid Provider,

Important Vermont Medicaid Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (FWA)

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) is committed to fighting Fraud, Waste & Abuse within Vermont's Medicaid program. The SIU has recently been made aware of members who have been prescribed controlled substances from prescribers who are not enrolled in Vermont Medicaid, sometimes this could be an out-of-state provider. If a prescriber is not enrolled, and a claim is submitted, DVHA will not be able to cover the cost of the prescription and in some instances the member may request to pay out of pocket (cash).

There are concerns about quality, safety, and appropriateness of the care being provided in these scenarios as well as considerations around Fraud, Waste & Abuse. We encourage pharmacists and pharmacy staff to be aware of members paying cash for controlled substances from prescribers who choose not to enroll in Vermont Medicaid or any other concerns about controlled substances and Medicaid members.

You can report your concerns anonymously by contacting the DVHA Special Investigations Unit by phone at 802-241-9210, email ReportMedicaidFraud@vermont.gov or by filling out our Fraud and Abuse form found on our webpage at <https://dvha.vermont.gov/providers/special-investigations-unit>.

A direct link to our referral form can be accessed via the link below: <https://appengine.egov.com/apps/vt/dvha/special-investigations-unit>