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Suspect a HIPAA Breach? Who You Gonna Call? *by Nicole Almiro*

Albeit unintentional or inadvertent, we all may be able to gain access to Protected Health Information (PHI). Perhaps we use a computer that was left logged into? Found a patient medical record on a fax machine, wastebasket or printer? Or overheard a conversation in the cafeteria or hallway? As UIC workforce (employees, volunteers, trainees, and others whose conduct, in the performance of work for UIC, is under the control of UIC) we are required to communicate all potential breaches and quickly.

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The 60 Day Rule: Understanding the Medicare Reporting & Returning of Self-Identified Overpayments *by Marilu Luna*

The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued a long awaited final rule around the statutory requirement requiring Medicare providers to return overpayments within 60 days of the date they are identified in order to avoid liability under the False Claims Act.

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Coding Tip *by Monica Cioflanc*

For an established patient the physician does NOT need to re-record a PFSH if there is an earlier chart having documented this part for the History component. It is acceptable to review the previous PFSH and note if there are any changes. Keep in mind when using this shortcut, you must note the date and location of the earlier PFSH and comment on any changes in the information since the original PFSH was recorded.

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