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Fuquay Speaks to National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association ***Advanced Data Analytics Key Tool to Fighting Medicaid Fraud***

Raleigh—Gary Fuquay, President of Raleigh consulting firm Fuquay Solutions, recently spoke to a group of health care fraud investigators in Atlanta about the power of data in preventing and discovering health care fraud. Fuquay, the former head of North Carolina Medicaid, said, “To fight fraud, waste and abuse effectively, health care payers, including Medicaid and Medicare, must improve identification and investigation of individuals involved in collusion.” Nationally, Medicaid and Medicare lose \$70 billion to fraud each year and some estimate that North Carolina Medicaid loses \$1.3 billion to fraud annually.

“Only 10% of improper payments are recovered by the current ‘pay and chase’ method. If we want to make a meaningful dent in fraud, payers must leverage the power of all the data at their disposal. State and private payers need to get in front of this issue and data integration and advanced analytic tools and solutions can help them.” said Fuquay. Data integration allows for multiple data sets, from a variety of different public or private programs, to be merged so that clients can be better served and programs can be better coordinated.

Advanced analytics allows payers, either private or public, to use all these disparate data sets to examine trends and look for anomalies.

“North Carolina has been a leader in this area,” said Fuquay in talking about NC Medicaid and how they are moving to enhance their fraud, waste and abuse prevention and detection strategy. “NC is looking to enhance their prevention approach from the entry of enrolled providers and recipients by making use of all available data sources (both within and outside the Medicaid agency), introducing advance analytics, predictive modeling and anomaly detection that will enhance the prevention of inappropriate payments before the claims payment is actually made,” he said.

Fuquay spoke as part of a panel presented by SAS. The National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association is a public-private partnership against health care fraud.

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