



GENETIC TESTING

FRAUD, WASTE, & ABUSE

HEALTHCARE FRAUD PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP



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Read this White Paper to learn about the challenges that make genetic testing vulnerable to potential acts of fraud, waste, and abuse and actions to consider to address these challenges.

BACKGROUND:

Genetic testing has evolved significantly during the past several decades, especially after the completion of the Human Genome Project (HGP) in 2003. This led to an increase in genetic testing and a surge in associated fraud, waste, and abuse.

In response to this growing issue, the HFPP — a voluntary, public-private partnership that seeks to identify and reduce fraud, waste, and abuse across the healthcare sector — developed this White Paper in collaboration with Stanford University School of Medicine and members of the Partnership.

CHALLENGES:



Need for stronger or updated controls and standards for a rapidly expanding clinical domain



The complexity and continuing evolution of genetic testing



The increased marketing of tests and individual demand for genetic testing

ACTIONS FOR PAYERS TO CONSIDER:



Assess pre- and post- payment review processes and identify risks in the system



Develop public education communications and resources about fraud and the appropriate use of genetic testing



Implement a regular review cycle of newly approved genetic testing methods

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