

**WAC 182-502A-0201 Definitions.** The definitions in this section and those found in chapter 182-500 WAC apply throughout this chapter.

**Adverse determination** means a finding of an overpayment identified in a program integrity activity.

**Algorithm** means the set of rules applied to claim or encounter data to identify overpayments.

**Audit** means an examination of claims data, an entity's records, or both, to determine whether the entity has complied with applicable laws, rules, regulations, and agreements.

**Audit, on-site** means an audit conducted partially at an entity's place of business.

**Audit, self** means an audit conducted by the entity and reviewed by the agency.

**Credible allegation of fraud** - See 42 C.F.R. 455.2.

**Data mining** means using software to detect patterns or aberrancies in a data set.

**Educational intervention** means agency-provided education to an entity prior to or following an agency-initiated program integrity activity that has identified an adverse determination. Educational intervention includes, but is not limited to, any notice of adverse determinations issued by the agency or any agency training that has failed to correct the level of payment error.

**Encounter** includes any service provided by a federally qualified health center, rural health clinic, or tribe, which is paid an enhanced rate; and any service provided to a Washington apple health client who is covered by an MCO or other contractor, and reported to the agency.

**Entity** includes current and former contractors, providers, and their subcontractors.

**Extrapolation** means a method of estimating an unknown value by projecting the results of a sample to the universe from which the sample was drawn.

**Fraud** - See 42 C.F.R. 455.2.

**Improper payment** means any payment by the agency that was more than or less than the sum to which the payee was legally entitled.

**Metrics** mean the quantifiable measures used to track and assess the status of program integrity activities and entity performance.

**Net payment error rate** means the calculated percentage of the improper payment amount identified in the sample of claims for the audit period divided by the total payment amount sampled claims for the audit period.

**Overpayment** see RCW 41.05A.010, including any subsequent amendments.

**Program integrity compliance plan** means a document issued by the agency outlining the importance of ethical behavior on the part of the agency's contracted entities, as well as identified monitoring, auditing, and educational obligations an entity must comply with to remain an agency-contracted entity.

**Record** means any document or electronically stored information including writings, drawings, graphs, charts, photographs, sound recordings, images, and other data or data compilations, stored in any medium from which information can be obtained either directly or, if necessary, after translation by the entity into a reasonably usable form. This includes documentation relating to claims, encounters, and payments.

**Relevant** - See Federal Rule of Evidence 401.

**Risk assessment** means to identify potential risk of fraud, waste and abuse, and improper payments within all Washington apple health programs.

**Sustained high level of payment error** means the net payment error rate is equal to or exceeds five percent for the audit period.

**Universe** means a defined population of claims or encounters or both.

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