### **Tuesday, November 18**

10:00 am – 5:30 pm Registration and Information Desk Open Ryman Exhibit Hall B Foyer

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Anti-Fraud Expo Hall Preview Ryman Exhibit Hall B

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm Welcome Reception in the Anti-Fraud Expo Hall Ryman Exhibit Hall B

Sponsored by Cotiviti, Healthcare Fraud Shield and HMS

### Wednesday, November 19

8:00 am – 5:00 pm Registration and Information Desk Open Ryman Exhibit Hall – Foyer B

8:45 am – 9:45 am Opening Remarks & Keynote Speaker Volunteer Ballroom D

- Louis Saccoccio, JD, Chief Executive Officer, National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association
- Patricia Hoofnagle, MSc, AHFI, VP, SIU Investigations, Magellan Health, Inc.
- Kimberly Brandt, JD, MA, Deputy Administrator & Chief Operating Officer, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

9:45 am – 10:30 am Coffee Break in the Anti-Fraud Expo Hall Ryman Exhibit Hall B

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10:30 am – 11:30 am Concurrent Sessions

Pharmaceutical Fraud Update (AAPC credit) Volunteer Ballroom D
The presentation will be delivered remotely and projected for attendees in the room.

Michael Cohen, DHSc, JD, PA-C, Operations Officer, Office of Investigations,
 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General

## The Great Grift: How to Defend Your Enterprise against Fraud, Waste and Abuse Volunteer Ballroom A

- Michael Lilly, Senior Data Analyst, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina
- Kathy Roberts, Senior Data Scientist, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina

#### Anti-Fraud Efforts Meet Real-World Challenges with ACA

**Enrollments** Volunteer Ballroom B

- Dawn Thurman, AHFI, Senior Investigator, Special Investigation Unit, Blue Cross Blue Shield North Carolina
- Chris Heimburger, Senior Business Intelligence Analyst, Blue Cross Blue Shield North Carolina

## These Ghosts Don't Stand a Chance! Phantom DME Investigation Skill Building (AAPC credit) Volunteer Ballroom C

- Wayne Fisher, MBA, AHFI, CFE, Investigator Lead, Special Investigations Unit, Elevance Health (formerly Anthem, Inc.)
- Shannon Zabo, MPA, AHFI, CPC, Investigator Lead, Special Investigations Unit, Elevance Health, Inc. (formerly Anthem, Inc.)

### The Morrow Institute: Cosmetic Surgery Scheme Goes International

Ryman Ballroom B - Important: This room was changed The presentation will be delivered remotely and projected for attendees in the room.

- Amy Pfeifer, Special Agent (SA), U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Robin McIlroy, MBA, Senior Investigator, SIU West, Anthem Blue Cross
- Christine A. Ensko-Spadea, AHFI, HCAFA, Senior Manager, Fraud Investigation and Prevention Unit, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts

#### Home Health Schemes: Why You Should Take It Personally

Ryman Ballroom A - Important: This room was changed

Presented by Cotiviti, an NHCAA Platinum Supporting Member

- Megan Brennan, CPC, CPCO, CPMA, CFE, Manager; Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, Cotiviti
- Heather Rickards, MS, AHFI, CFE, Senior Investigator; Fraud, Waste, and Abuse, Cotiviti

## Uncovering Waste and Abuse within Hospital Billing: Itemized Bill Review Ryman Studio 16-18

Presented by Claritev, an NHCAA Platinum Supporting Member

- Marla D. Ludacka, Vice President, Payment & Revenue Integrity, Claritev
- Brianne Santoli, Assistant Vice President, Payment & Revenue Integrity, Claritev

11:30 am – 1:00 pm Lunch in the Expo Hall Ryman Exhibit Hall B

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

#### **Concurrent Sessions**

## **Gap in Communication: How Medicare Supplemental Insurers** (MEDIGAP) are Funding Fraud Volunteer Ballroom D

The presentation will be delivered remotely and projected for attendees in the room.

- Patrick Neubert, CDR, U.S. Public Health Service, Director of Special Projects and Initiatives, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General
- Isaac Bledsoe, Director of Special Projects and Initiatives, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General
- Janna Hart, Founding Partner and Chief Product Officer, Previsant Insights

## Pharmacy Case Study: Compound Fraud Scheme Migrates to Wound Management (AAPC credit) Volunteer Ballroom C

- Jared Mendoza Duenas, RN, PHN, AHFI, CPhT, Director, Special Investigations Unit, Prime Therapeutics
- Casey Jenness, PharmD, MBA, Director, FWA Clinical Support Services, Prime Therapeutics

### Payment Integrity: Drive with Medical and Payment Policies

Ryman Studio 16-18

- Novelette Wallace, MPH, PMP, CSSBB, Head of Payment Integrity, Johns Hopkins Health Plans
- John Waugh, CFE, Director of SIU, John Hopkins Health Plans

## **Beyond Face Value: Navigating the Fraud Frontier in DME and Pharmacy Billing** *Volunteer Ballroom B*

- Kerry Spencer, HCAFA, Fraud and Waste Senior Investigator, Humana
- Whitney Organ, Investigator, Humana

### Scholar-Shipped: Patient Brokering and Fraudulent Applications Volunteer A

- Brian Robinson, AHFI, CFE, Director, Special Investigations Unit, Point32Health
- Kevin Richard, CIFI, Senior Investigator, Provider Fraud Unit, Massachusetts Insurance Fraud Bureau

# **Enhanced Detection: Uncovering Payment Integrity Opportunities That Fly Under the Radar** *Ryman Ballroom A*

Presented by Alivia Analytics, an NHCAA Platinum Supporting Member

- Wendy Luc-Pepin, Sr. Director of Ideation and Innovation for Payment Integrity at UnitedHealthcare
- Matt Perryman, Chief Technology Officer, Alivia Analytics

## Unmasking Phantom Providers: Leveraging Link Analysis, Analytics and External Data Ryman Ballroom B

Presented by Healthcare Fraud Shield, an NHCAA Platinum Supporting Member

- Kristin Griego, CFE, AHFI, CPC, Director, Molina Healthcare, Inc.
- Karen Weintraub, AHFI, CPC-P, CPMA, CDC, Executive Vice President, Healthcare Fraud Shield

2:00 pm - 2:15 pm

Transition break between sessions

2:15 pm – 3:15 pm

#### **Concurrent Sessions**

#### Small to Mighty: Part Deux - Diving into Enforcement Culture

Ryman Ballroom A

- Rocco Cordato IV, AHFI, Sr. Director SIU & Payment Integrity, MVP Health Care
- Cambria Day, MBA, AHFI, CPC, Program Integrity Unit Manager, Health Plan of San Joaquin

### Fraud & Order: SIU - From Hashtags to Handcuffs Ryman Ballroom B

- Donna Jallits, AHFI, CPMA, Business Analytics Senior Advisor, Evernorth, a subsidiary of The Cigna Group
- Shawn Lipsey, Business Analytics Advisor, Evernorth, a subsidiary of The Cigna Group

#### **Back to the Future: Care Management Schemes** *Volunteer Ballroom D*

- Jennifer Trussell, Fraud Prevention Consultant, SMP Resource Center
- Dan Wullschleger, Senior Program Analyst, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General (not in attendance)

### **Dental SIU Investigative Techniques and Strategies** (AAPC credit)

Volunteer Ballroom B

- Krista Thrasher, Senior Investigator, Humana
- Scott Zimmerebner, DDS, Fraud and Waste Lead, Dental Consultant, Humana

#### **Anatomy of Deception: Body Brokers and Sober Living Homes**

Volunteer Ballroom A

- Nicole Nicholson, ADA, Assistant Head of Court-Senior Deputy District Attorney, Orange County District Attorney's Office
- Vincent Marinaccio, AHC, Assistant Head of Court-Senior Deputy District Attorney, Orange County District Attorney's Office

### Uncovering Nonobvious Relationships to Enhance Program Integrity

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Presented by LexisNexis, an NHCAA Platinum Supporting Member

- Deepika Sud, Manager, Market Planning, LexisNexis Risk Solutions
- Thomas Figurski, CFE, CPC, Senior Fraud Analyst, LexisNexis Risk Solutions

### Collaborating Across Federal Health Programs: Perspectives from CMS,

VHA, and DHA Volunteer Ballroom C

Presented by Deloitte, an NHCAA Platinum Supporting Member Due to the government shutdown, this session will be presented as a webinar in 2026.

- Gary Cantrell, Specialist Leader, Program Integrity Solutions, Deloitte
- Jennifer Dietz, AHFI, AIG, CHC, CIG, CFE, CPC, Director, Health Care Fraud Resolution, Defense Health Agency, Office of Inspector General
- Kevin Cummiskey, PhD, Director, Data Analytics and Systems Group, Center for Program Integrity, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Tracy Davis Bradley, PhD, FACHE, Chief Integrity Officer, Office of Integrity and Compliance, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Transition break between sessions

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

#### **Concurrent Sessions**

# All the Way to the Top: Complex Fraud Scheme Leads to Conviction of Insurance Commissioner Volunteer Ballroom A

- Amanda Wallace, Investigator Senior, Special Investigator Unit, Anthem
- James M. Williams, Jr., SA, U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation (Retired)
- John Stofer, SSA, U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation (not in attendance)

## Unmasking 340b: Fraud, Abuse, and Risks from Pharma and Health Plan Perspectives (AAPC credit) Volunteer Ballroom B

- Caroline Jacques, PhD, RPh, CFE, Director, Anti-Counterfeiting/Global Product Security, Gilead Sciences, Inc.
- Harpreet Dhanota, Director, Anti-Counterfeiting/Global Product Security, Gilead Sciences, Inc.

## Fraudulent ePAs Reap Millions for Unscrupulous Pharmacy Owners Ryman Ballroom A

- Dana Mertz, AHFI, CPhT, Manager Payment Integrity, Corporate and Financial Investigations Department, Independence Blue Cross
- Cindy McCutcheon, Senior Financial Investigator, Independence Blue Cross

## Al That Works Because You Do: Expertise at the Core of Smarter Payment Integrity Ryman Studio 16-18

Presented by Shift Technology, an NHCAA Platinum Supporting Member

- Jesse Montgomery, Head of Customer Success & Value Engineering, Shift Technology
- Mark Starinsky, Senior Product Manager, Shift Technology

## **How Provider Intelligence & AI Agents Transform SIU Performance** *Ryman Ballroom B*

Presented by 4LData, an NHCAA Platinum Supporting Member

- Rick Munson, Senior Fraud Prevention Advisor, 4L Data Intelligence; and Former Program Integrity Chief Compliance Officer & Sr. Vice President, Investigations, UnitedHealthcare
- Deb Hamer, Vice President, Product Management, 4L Data Intelligence
- Greg Lyon, Senior Fraud Prevention Advisor, 4L Data Intelligence; Former United Healthcare Director of Fraud Prevention (moderator)

# **Envision the Future HFPP: In Partnership to Crush Fraud** *Volunteer Ballroom C Due to the government shutdown, this session is unfortunately cancelled.*

- Jeneen Iwugo, Deputy Center Director, Center for Program Integrity, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Joshua Van Drei, Center for Program Integrity, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Amanda Burd, Center for Program Integrity, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- Richard Haines, Senior Investigative Analyst, Trusted Third Party
- Christopher Sterling, Data Analytics Manager, Trusted Third Party
- Amanda Burrows, Subject Matter Expert Manager, Trusted Third Party

### **Operation Nightingale** Volunteer Ballroom D

The presentation is cancelled. The case is going to trial again.

- Tom Clark, Special Agent, U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation - Miami Division
- Mary Wielenga-Cline, DBA, MAcc, MSJA, CFE, CPC-A, CPB, Forensic Accountant, U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation -Miami Division
- Eddie Calienes, Special Agent, Department of Health and Human Services,
   Office of Inspector General Miami Regional Office

4:30 pm - 6:30 pm

**Reception in the Anti-Fraud Expo Hall** Ryman Exhibit Hall B Sponsored by Morgan & Morgan



### Thursday, November 20

8:00 am - 4:30 pm Information Desk Open Ryman Exhibit Hall B Foyer

8:30 am - 9:45 am **General Session** Volunteer Ballroom D

### 📸 One Mission, Collective Strength: Collaboration to Combat Health Care Fraud

- Louis Saccoccio, JD, Chief Executive Officer, National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association (moderator)
- Kaye Lynn Wootton, Director, Utah Medicaid Fraud Control Unit; and Chair, Board of Directors, National Association of Medicaid Fraud Control Units

### Speakers presenting via Zoom

- Christian Schrank, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General
- Erin Brantley, Unit Chief, Health Care Fraud Unit, U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Rebecca Yuan, Acting Principal Assistant Chief, Health Care Fraud Unit, Fraud Section, Criminal Division, U.S. Department of Justice

9:45 am – 10:00 am

**Coffee break** in the hallway

#### 10:00 am - 11:15 am General Session Volunteer Ballroom D

#### A Battle Between Good and Evil: Gen AI in FWA

- Timothy Dineen, CFE, MPA, Sr. Director, Special Investigations, Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey (moderator)
- Matthew Berls, MA, AHFI, Vice President, UnitedHealthcare Investigations
- Michael Cohen, DHSc, JD, PA-C, Operations Officer, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General, Office of Investigations
- Jessie Roy, AHFI, CPC, CEMC, CFE, SIU Director, Mass General Brigham Health Plan
- Kurt Spear, Vice President, Financial Investigations and Provider Review, Highmark

11:15 am – 11:30 am Transition break between sessions

11:30 am – 12:30 pm Concurrent Sessions

### Harnessing Generative AI and Advanced Data Analytics to Enhance Fraud **Detection** Volunteer Ballroom B

- Pavithra Narayanan, Senior Data Scientist, Aetna/CVS Health
- Angelica Branon, Decision Scientist, Aetna/CVS Health
- Ashleigh Ward-Stoner, Senior Manager of Data Science, Aetna/CVS Health
- Ekta Patil, Data Scientist, Aetna/CVS Health

#### SCAM: So Called Alternative Medicine (AAPC credit) Volunteer Ballroom A

- Rae McIntee, DDS, MD, MBA, FACS, CPE, Medical Director, Clinical Solutions, Louisiana Blue
- Subashis Paul, MD, MBA, Medical Director Clinical Solutions, Louisiana Blue
- A 360 Degree Look at the Diversion of HIV Drugs Volunteer Ballroom C The presentation will be delivered remotely and projected for attendees in the room.
- Christopher Marsh, Assistant Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General
- Derek Stevens, Special Agent, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General
- Naomi Gruchacz, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General
- Zach Toner, Special Agent, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,
   Office of Inspector General, New York Regional Office

## Scaling the Deception: Investigating a Dentist's Fraudulent Activities (AAPC credit) Ryman Ballroom A

- Toni L. Slocum, AHFI, CPC, CPC-P, Manager, Special Investigator Unit, Moda Health
- Jonnie Massey, CPC, CPC-P, CPC-I, CPMA, AHFI, Director, Special Investigations Unit, Blue Shield of California

#### The Fraud Hunter's Toolkit: Finding the Cases Others Miss

Ryman Studio 16-18

Presented by EXL Health, an NHCAA Platinum Supporting Member

- Joel Bartow, CFE, CPP, MA, Vice President and Service Delivery Leader of Fraud Detection and Investigation, EXL Health
- Cindi Ruiz AHFI, CFE, CPhT, MBA, Senior Assistant Vice President of Fraud Services Operations, EXL Health

## **Exposing Hidden Schemes: How AI Transformed Oversight and Recoveries in Physical Therapy** *Ryman Ballroom B*

Presented by Codoxo, an NHCAA Platinum Supporting Member

- Shiela Caulfield, MBA, CHC, Director, Corporate Recoveries, Independent Health Association
- Derik Ciccarelli, Director, Fraud Scope Operations, Codoxo

#### DME - Old Dog, New Tricks Volunteer Ballroom D

Due to the government shutdown, the presentation is unfortunately cancelled.

- Albert Tenuta, CPA, Special Agent, U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Anna Ferreira-Pandolfi, JD, Special Agent, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General

12:30 pm – 1:45 pm Lunch in Expo Hall Ryman Exhibit Hall B

1:45 pm – 2:30 pm Awards Ceremony Volunteer Ballroom D

2:30 pm – 2:45 pm *Transition break between sessions* 

2:45 pm – 3:45 pm Concurrent Sessions

### Partnered Paths: A Dental Scheme Uncovered Ryman Studio 16-18

- Stewart Balikov, DDS, AHFI, State Dental Director, Elevance Health (formerly Anthem, Inc.) (moderator)
- Louann Goodnough, MPNA, LDH, Clinical Fraud Investigator II, Elevance Health (formerly Anthem, Inc.)
- Carmen Hardin, RDH, Clinical Fraud Analyst, Delta Dental of Virginia
- Trish Shifflett, RDH, AHFI, Clinical Fraud Analyst, Delta Dental of Virginia

## The Payment Integrity Shake-Up: Al and the Human in the Loop

Ryman Ballroom A

Presented by MedReview, an NHCAA Platinum Supporting Member

Spencer Young, Chief Executive Officer, MedReview

#### **SIRIS Investigation of the Year** *Volunteer Ballroom D*

The speakers will be announced at the conference.

#### Prescription Fraud Scheme: It's A Family Affair in New Jersey

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- Jamie McMahon, JD, Special Agent, U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Paul McGrory, Senior Special Agent, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General
- Cindy McCutcheon, Senior Financial Investigator, Independence Blue Cross

### Innovation in Prior Authorization: Introducing the WISeR Model

Volunteer Ballroom C

The presentation will be delivered remotely and projected for attendees in the room.

 Amy Turner, Deputy Center Director, Innovation Center, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services

#### Patient Marketers: Can You Hear Me Now?

Due to the government shutdown, the presentation is unfortunately cancelled.

- Janet Ambrisco, Special Agent, U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Holly Richard, Intelligence Analyst, U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Ryan Driscoll, Special Agent, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm

Transition break between sessions

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

#### **Concurrent Sessions**

### **Enhanced Data Analytics to Support SIU Case Development**

(AAPC credit) Volunteer Ballroom A

- Adrian Corral, JD, SIU Lead Investigator, Inland Empire Health Plan
- Michael Devine, PhD, Former SIU Director and Former Federal Law Enforcement Officer, Naval Criminal Investigative Service

## **Investigative Foundations: Strategies and Resources for Team Success** *Ryman Ballroom A*

- Haley Everson, AHFI, SIU Manager, Elevance Health (formerly Anthem, Inc.)
- Carrie Godby, MS, AHFI, CFE, SIU Manager, Elevance Health (formerly Anthem, Inc.)

## Unlocking Workflow Efficiencies: Creating capacity for proactive fraud detection Ryman Studio 16-18

Presented by HMS, an NHCAA Platinum Supporting Member

- Chris Larsen, Director, FraudCapture, HMS, a Gainwell Company
- Brian Welter, Sr. Manager, Product Development, HMS, a Gainwell Company

**Specialty Benefits Investigation of the Year** *Volunteer Ballroom C The speakers will be announced at the conference.* 

**OB-GYN Fraud Scheme Results in Patient Harm** Ryman Ballroom B The presentation will be delivered remotely and projected for attendees in the room.

- Karl D. Kraywinkle, Special Agent, U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Renee A. Reyes, Special Agent, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General

### Friday, November 21

8:30 am – 11:00 am Information Desk Open Volunteer Ballroom Lobby

9:00 am - 11:00 am Breakfast Seminars

Investigation of the Year Ryman Ballroom B

The presentation will be delivered remotely and projected for attendees in the room.

The speakers will be announced at the conference.

#### **Annual Ethics Seminar** Volunteer Ballroom C

- Tamara Neiman, Vice President, Investigations, Ethics and Compliance, Kaiser Permanente
- Francine Gross, JD, CFE, CHC, Executive Director, National Special Investigations Unit, Kaiser Permanente
- Mark Horowitz, RPh, Senior Manager, National Special Investigations Unit, Kaiser Permanente (moderator)

## **Examining CDT Code Updates: Emerging and Habitual Trends in Dental Fraud (AAPC credit)** Ryman Ballroom A

- Stewart Balikov, DDS, AHFI, State Dental Director, Elevance Health (formerly Anthem, Inc.)
- Vinod Miriyala, BDS, MPH, CAGS, DDS, State Dental Director, Elevance Health (formerly Anthem, Inc.)

### Insane in the Membrane: Keeping Ahead of Skin Substitute

**Schemes** Volunteer Ballroom B

Due to the government shutdown, part of this session will be conducted as a webinar in 2026.

- Jennifer DePaul, MHA, Director, Special Investigations Unit, Elevance Health (formerly Anthem, Inc.)
- Jessica Lahaye, Investigator Senior, Elevance Health (formerly Anthem, Inc.)
- Sandra Nadler, AHFI, Director, Elevance Health (formerly Anthem, Inc.)



- Wayne Fisher, MBA, AHFI, CFE, Investigator Lead, Special Investigations Unit, Elevance Health (formerly Anthem, Inc.)
- Patrick Neubert, CDR, U.S. Public Health Service, Regional Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General
- Dave Tawes, Regional Inspector General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General

11:00 am Conference Adjourns