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Tips for Complying With Medical Record Documentation Requests

If you receive a request for medical record documentation due to an audit or claims review, don't panic. Medical record reviews are a necessary and valuable process for all payers and are required by state and federal laws. Below are some tips to help you through this process.

- 1. Remain calm.
- 2. Read the documentation request thoroughly.
- 3. Identify where and how to submit the records.
- 4. Identify the due date.
- 5. Identify the documents that are being requested.
- 6. Collect all the requested documentation, including all records necessary to support the services for the dates requested.
- 7. Make sure the medical records collected are legible and are for all the dates of service requested.
- 8. If you are copying or printing the records, make sure the copies are legible, and that both sides of a double-sided document are included.
- 9. Verify that all documentation requested is included in your submission.
- 10. Include your name, email and telephone number for future correspondence.
- 11. Return all documents as requested by the specified deadline.

Remember:

- It is the billing provider's responsibility to submit the correct documentation, within the specified number of days outlined in the request, and by the requested submission method.
- It is the billing provider's responsibility to obtain any necessary information required for the record review, regardless of the location of the documentation.