

CLIENT SUCCESS STORY: Meet Mrs. Pratt

Critical thinking and attention to detail are paramount when it comes to the complexities of the Medicare Secondary Payer statute. Axiom is an expert in the complex field of Medicare compliance, and we have been helping our clients reduce MSA cost drivers and achieve successful claim outcomes for over 6 years.

Objective: 2nd Opinion - Reduce over-inflated allocation

In October 2004 Mrs. Pratt reported that as she sat down in a chair at her place of employment and the seat broke, causing her to fall to the floor. She had initial complaints of low back pain. Mrs. Pratt ultimately underwent a lumbar laminectomy at L4/S1. An epidural steroid injection was administered and in 2010 Ms. Pratt underwent an anterior lumbar interbody fusion at L4/S1, followed by an anterior lumbar interbody fusion at L2/S1 later that same year.

In 2014 she underwent an L2/L3 anterior interbody arthrodesis with allograft and instrumentation. Later that year she underwent hardware removal due to nonunion and loosening of L3 pedicle screw.

Mrs. Pratt had a 32 year life expectancy.

An MSA was completed in September 2014 by a different MSA provider. That MSA allocation came back at \$618,434.

Axiom was asked to get involved and complete a second MSA based on the same medical documentation. After consultation with our client and defense counsel, clarification from the primary treating physician on several key issues and a comprehensive analysis, **Axiom completed an allocation which was approved by CMS as submitted in the amount of \$193,606, resulting in a substantial savings for our client.**

Objective: 2nd Opinion - reduce over-inflated allocation while still obtaining CMS approval.

Challenges: Communication with primary physician on current Rx regimen and future medical treatment..

Result: Significantly lower allocation, approved by CMS as submitted.

Savings to Client: \$424,828

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