

# Report on Medicare Compliance Volume 31, Number 27. August 01, 2022 Tip Sheet to Help Prevent Inappropriate Orders of Pain Management, DME

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Stormont Vail Health in Topeka, Kansas, distributes this tip sheet to physician offices to help patients avoid getting caught up in scams and potentially authorize pharmacies or durable medical equipment (DME) suppliers to ask their physicians to order prescriptions or supplies. The tip sheet gets at some of the same kinds of issues raised in the HHS Office of Inspector General's July 20 special fraud alert that urges physicians and nonphysician practices to tread carefully "and use heightened scrutiny" when entering into arrangements with telemedicine companies, although the tip sheet wasn't designed specifically for telemedicine.<sup>[1]</sup> Contact Barbara Duncan, HIPAA privacy officer, at [bduncan@stormontvail.org](mailto:bduncan@stormontvail.org).

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