

## **ARGUS Claim Review:**

### **A powerful system to guard against errors and fraudulent billing**

*At Cypress Benefit Administrators, we are continually on the lookout for ways to save our clients money on their medical expenses. As a part of this effort, we've instituted **the most all-encompassing fraud protection and cost containment system available: ARGUS Claim Review.** Many of our clients have experienced the **significant savings** generated by ARGUS.*

*Following is just one example:*

#### **CASE #88:**

**Cypress received a claim from for an out-of-network facility emergency room visit.**

A patient went to an out-of-network facility for an emergency room visit. The facility billed a total of \$6,701.50 in charges. Detailed review of the claim showed \$186.00 of the charges should have been included as a bundled service and, therefore, were not allowable.

As is typically done for non-PPO network charges, the claim was also reviewed against the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Outpatient Coding Edits for outpatient facility bills and was compared against 200% of the CMS allowed rate for the local wage index of the charges billed by the facility. The results showed that the facility billed roughly 803% of the amount CMS would have paid them for the same services.

As a result of our ARGUS review, the claim was reduced by an additional \$5,033.74 (the dollar amount that was over 200% of the CMS allowed amount) for **a total savings of \$5,219.74.**

For more details about CMS Guidelines, read our **ARGUS Advantage Series** article: [Understanding More About CMS Guidelines.](#)

*If you have any questions about CMS Guidelines or other benchmarks used by Cypress Benefit Administrators, feel free to contact us – we're happy to answer any questions you have.*