65-16,123. Same; procedural requirements. (a) The entity conducting the audit shall follow the following procedures:

1. An entity conducting an on-site audit must give the pharmacy at least seven days written notice before conducting an initial audit;
2. An audit that involves clinical or professional judgment must be conducted by or in consultation with a licensed pharmacist;
3. The period covered by the audit may not exceed two years from the date that the claim was submitted to or adjudicated by the entity;
4. The pharmacy may request an extension not to exceed seven days from the date of an originally scheduled on-site audit;
5. The pharmacy may use the records of a hospital, physician or other authorized practitioner to validate the pharmacy record;
6. Any legal prescription, in compliance with the requirements of the state board of pharmacy, may be used to validate claims in connection with prescriptions, refills or changes in prescriptions;
7. Each pharmacy shall be audited under the same standards and parameters as other similarly situated pharmacies; and
8. The entity conducting the audit must establish a written appeals process.

(b) The entity conducting the audit shall also comply with the following requirements:

1. A finding of overpayment or underpayment must be based on the actual overpayment or underpayment and not a projection based on the number of patients served having a similar diagnosis or on the number of similar orders or refills for similar drugs;
2. The entity conducting the audit shall not use extrapolation in calculating the recoupments or penalties for audits, unless required by state or federal contracts;
3. The auditing company or agent may not receive payment based on a percentage of the amount recovered, unless required by contracts; and
4. Interest may not accrue during the audit period.

(c) This section shall take effect on and after July 1, 2011.

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