Lessons Learned at South Bend Medical Foundation

What Works Best and Pitfalls to Avoid When Gathering, Analyzing, and Reporting PAMA Lab Test Price Data
Or what I like to call:
Steps in the Process

• Gathering the data
• Analyzing the data
• Reporting the data
The Battle of the Billing System – Gathering the Data

- Ensure you can get the data needed
  - Payor
  - Test
  - Allowed Amount
  - HCPC Code
- Refunds and Recoupments
- If you have to back into the allowed amount, remember it has to be inclusive of deductibles, co-payments, and co-insurance.
The Battle of the Reports – Analyzing the Data

- Did we get everything?
  - Reconcile to deposit reports
- PAMA reports – our reports did not initially include the quantity of HCPCs codes billed in our test codes
  - Run these reports early, if you need to work with your billing system vendor you want to start early.
- Reconcile billing reports to the PAMA reports to make sure quantities and allowed amounts tie out.
The Battle of the Upload – Reporting the Data

• Only include data for the HCPCs codes on the CMS list
• CMS gives the providers the option to manually input or upload the data
• To upload the data, you must provide a .csv file
• If you are uploading more than 3,400,183 bytes, the file will be considered a Large Volume (LV) file.
And the War is Won