

# Break free of typical Medicare Set-Asides

## An EBMSA can help settle claims when submitting an MSA isn't the best option

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has clearly indicated that submission of an MSA is a voluntary process, but if the parties choose to submit, then the MSA is subject to CMS's review policies and procedures, which oftentimes doesn't align with established medical treatment guidelines and practices. If the parties determine an MSA with approval isn't the best option, an Evidence-Based Medicare Set-Aside (EBMSA) may be appropriate.

When utilized properly EBMSAs adequately protect Medicare's interest by fulfilling the future medical compliance obligations with a defensible and reasonable set-aside that ensures you pay only what is medically expected to be used. Our EBMSA is based on expert medical analysis that aligns with treatment expectations and is supported by medical principles driven by nationally accepted clinical guidelines. This increases settlement opportunities and eliminates unnecessary future medical costs, while still considering Medicare's interest in workers' compensation settlements.



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Real Results: A case example where EBMSA principles would have resulted in a more reasonable allocation

CMS Approved MSA: \$291,891.00

EBMSA Evaluation: \$196,768.00

## Basis for reduction:

- Physician visits were priced at a lower code (99213 vs. 99214)
- A court order ruling that Movantik should be weaned and discontinued

## Potential Savings: nearly \$100,000.00 or ~33%

As each case is fact specific, the potential for reduction will vary and the decision to incorporate EBMSAs into compliance programs should be made after weighing the pros and cons of MSA submission against settlement goals and risk tolerance. Whether it's a strategic approach based on each individual claim or a more programmatic approach, we can help you develop a process that's right for you.

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