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CAPABILITIES

Administrative Law

Litigation, Mediation,
Arbitration

Medicare, Medicaid, Other
Governmental
Reimbursement and
Payment

Compliance

Digital Health

Government Investigations

Payor-Provider Disputes

Medicare and Medicaid
Audits, Appeals, and
Reimbursement Litigation

Hospitals and Health
Systems

EDUCATION

University of Colorado
School of Law, J.D., Order of
the Coif, 1996

Trinity University, B.A., 1990

BAR ADMISSIONS

Colorado, 1998

“Hospitals and health care systems and their dedicated providers are the backbones of our health care delivery system. Helping them navigate a labyrinth of regulatory and legal issues and securing the financial resources they need to care for their patients is immensely rewarding.”

With more than a decade of experience with Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and payment matters, Sven Collins focuses his practice on securing and increasing revenue for hospitals, health systems, and other providers. Whether at the agency level or in court, Sven is a committed advocate who understands that his work directly impacts his clients' abilities to serve patients and provide needed care.

Sven has spent most of his career challenging the government's Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement and payment policies when they result in underpayment to his clients. His years of immersion in the laws and regulations governing reimbursement matters and his involvement in hundreds of payment disputes has afforded him insights on managing client issues efficiently to successful outcomes. Before agencies such as the Provider Reimbursement Review Board, in arbitration, in federal court, and at the appellate level, Sven advances his clients' interests to secure the reimbursements and payments to which they are entitled.

Health care providers also seek Sven's guidance when facing audits and accusations of overpayments and false billings on complex Medicare payment issues.

Sven strives to put himself in his clients' shoes and learn their business so that his advice is tailored to each client's unique operations, concerns, and challenges. He applies to the health care setting his experience with litigation and risk-management guidance in other sectors representing business and organizations.

By staying ahead of health care legal and regulatory developments, Sven anticipates changes in laws, regulations, and government approaches and advises and prepares his clients accordingly. Sven is a sought-after speaker at legal, trade association, and firm-sponsored seminars on healthcare

reimbursement matters, and he presents in-house training programs for clients on these issues.

Representative Matters

- Successfully prosecuted multiple hospital Medicare group appeals, before CMS and in federal court, seeking additional supplemental outlier payments.
- Successfully prosecuted multiple hospital Medicare group appeals to recover approximately US\$30 million in “rural floor budget neutrality adjustment” underpayments.
- Secured permanent injunction in a ground-breaking challenge barring HHS from applying agency’s 2008 “self-disallowance” regulation to certain hospital appeals.
- Secured judgment invalidating remaining aspects of HHS’s 2008 “self-disallowance” regulation as applied to challenges to HHS regulations.
- Successfully overturned amendment to CMS Medicare interest regulation in hospital appeal involving high seven-figure claim for interest.
- Obtained permanent injunction blocking client’s former employees and subsequent employer from raiding and misappropriation of trade secrets. *EMS USA, Inc. v. Integrity Specialists LLC, et al.*, U.S. Dist. Ct. D. Colo. (Case No. 11-cv-02832).
- Obtained permanent injunction and seven-figure damages payment for client in a raiding case against former manager and new employer.

Recognition

- Super Lawyers, Colorado, 2011-2016
- Super Lawyers Business Edition, Colorado, 2013

Professional Affiliations

- American Health Lawyers Association
- American Bar Association

News

- Several HLB Lawyers Author AHLA’S Hospitals and Health Systems, Second Edition
- Sven Collins’ Case Reported in Bloomberg Law Article, “DC Circuit Post-Chevron Ruling Reverses Hospital Payment Denial”
- Bob Roth and Sven Collins’ case profiled in Health Law360 article, “Hackensack Meridian Sues Feds, Citing Chevron Ruling”
- Sven Collins is Quoted in Health Payer Specialist Article, “What’s Riding on Humana’s Suit Over Medicare Advantage Clawbacks”
- HLB Successfully Reverses Adverse PRRB Decision on Medicare DSH-SSI Match Process

Insights

- Supreme Court Decides Advocate Christ for HHS But Leaves Open Challenges to CMS’s Exclusion of Additional Codes Denoting SSI Entitlement
- Supreme Court Decision Overturns Deference to Agency Interpretations of the Law
- CMS Broadens Medicare Outlier Reconciliation Criteria to Claw Back More Payments
- PRRB Ends Alert 19 And Resumes Normal Pre-Pandemic Deadlines
- Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Brings Sweeping Changes

Events

- CHA's Hospital Finance Week Webinar Series
- Institute on Medicare and Medicaid Payment Issues 2022
- Mandatory Electronic Filing and PRRB Rule Changes: Practice Pointers for Filing and Managing Your PRRB Appeals Webinar