Colleen Buontempo, CPC

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> Colleen has been doing our PIP arbitrations, an integral part of our business. She's helped us to resolve unpaid and denied medical bills. She is professional and very dependable for advice...it's been a pleasure working with her and I am looking forward to continuing to do so.

~ Alona V.

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Colleen Buontempo is a highly experienced practitioner in the area of No Fault Insurance, where she commonly represents medical providers against insurance carriers through PIP arbitration. She has successfully represented and recovered millions of dollars for her clients including individuals, ambulatory care facilities, hospitals, physician groups, and healthcare entrepreneurs.

She frequently lectures for New Jersey Institute for Continuing Legal Education concerning insurance-related matters.

Colleen holds the distinction of certified professional medical coder (CPC) through the AAPC. This is representative of her vast knowledge of complex coding/billing issues involving CPT codes, ICD-10 diagnosis codes, CMS protocols as well as state and federal healthcare regulations.

Prior to joining Brach Eichler, Colleen practiced in a wide variety of legal areas, including criminal defense, automotive litigation, premises liability, worker's compensation, negligent security, New York labor law, and products liability.

Colleen is a supporter of The Faustman Lab at Massachusetts General Hospital, and their research in finding a cure for Type 1 diabetes.

INDUSTRIES

- Healthcare

EDUCATION

- Thomas M. Cooley Law School, J.D.
- Wayne State University, B.S., Criminal Justice

BAR AND COURT ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey
- New York
- U.S. District Court, District of New Jersey

REPRESENTATIVE MATTERS

Each matter handled by Colleen is dependent upon the unique facts and particular circumstances. An example of successful matters handled by Colleen include:

- In *Pleasantdale Ambulatory Care v. Farmers Insurance Company* (MID-L1976-17), Colleen successfully pursued an order to show cause which vacated a three-DRP appeal panel's award. It resulted in the upholding of the original arbitration award for ASC facility fees for a Medicare-approved CPT code.
- In *Drive New Jersey Insurance Co. v. Pleasantdale Ambulatory Care* (PAS-L-1079-17), Colleen successfully defended an order to show cause to overturn a prior arbitration award for surgical supplies awarded to an ASC.
- In *CURE v. Progressive Spine* (MER-L-879-20), Colleen successfully defended an order to show cause to overturn an arbitrator's ruling on the usual, customary and reasonable billing of a spinal surgery.
- In *Vincent DiCindio v. Plymouth Rock Assurance of New Jersey* (PAS-L-2540-20), Colleen successfully pursued an order to show cause to overturn an arbitrator's denial of resident relative PIP benefits.
- In *CURE v. Hudson Regional Hospital, (*MER-L-1110-22), Colleen successfully defended an Order to Show Cause in attempt to reverse an arbitration award where the DRP's medical necessary and usual, customary, and reasonable billing analysis was challenged.
- In *Connect v. Idelkahni* (SSX-L-198-20), Colleen successfully defended a declaratory judgment brought to deny personal injury protection (PIP) coverage based on an alleged material misrepresentation and fraud. At the close of discovery, the Court granted Colleen's motion for summary judgement and provided our client with $250,000 in PIP benefits.

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AWARDS

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- AAPC, Certified Professional Coder (2022)

Insights

Awards - *August 6, 2023*

Brach Eichler Recognized as NJLJ's 2023 Healthcare Litigation Department of the Year for the Third Consecutive Year!

Newsletters - *February 16, 2023*

Litigation Quarterly Advisor – Family Law Advisor Edition – Winter 2023

Alerts - *January 4, 2023*

A big win for C. Buontempo in CURE v. Hudson Regional Hospital

Events - *November 29, 2022*

[Webcast] 2022 PIP No Fault College

Articles - *October 20, 2022*

Court granted motion providing our client with $250,000 in PIP benefits

Alerts - *August 31, 2022*

PIP Update – NJ Federal Court Refuses to Dismiss Insurance Fraud Cases Against Physicians

Newsletters - *April 1, 2022*

Healthcare Law Update – March 2022

Newsletters - *February 28, 2022*

Healthcare Law Update – February 2022

Newsletters - *November 30, 2021*

Healthcare Law Update – November 2021

Newsletters - *October 26, 2021*

Brach Eichler's Litigation Quarterly Advisor – Fall 2021