The Office of Investigations

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Our Mission

Ol’s mission is to protect the integrity of HHS programs.

Ol conducts investigations of fraud and misconduct related to HHS programs, operations and employees.

• Criminal
• Civil
• Administrative
Working together

• There are 6 components who carry out this mission.
  • Immediate Office (IO)
  • Office of Policy and Management (OMP)
  • Office of Audit Services (OAS)
  • Office of Evaluation and Inspections (OEI)
  • Office of Counsel to the Inspector General (OCIG)
  • Office of Investigations (OI)
HHS FY 2016 Budget

$1,093 Billion in Outlays

- Medicare 53%
- Medicaid 32%
- Other Mandatory Programs 2.2%
- TANF 2%
- Children’s Entitlement Programs 3%
- Discretionary Programs 8%
Sources of OIG Referrals

- Hotline
- Indian Health Service
- State, Local & Tribal Agencies
- CDC
- Department of Health & Human Services
Areas of Investigation

• Medicare & Medicaid fraud
• Prescription drug diversion
• Grant fraud
• HHS Employee misconduct
• Benefit enrollment fraud
• Tribal 638 program fraud
• Identity theft in relation to other fraud
• Other health insurance fraud
Did you know that the Department of Health and Human Services is the largest grant-making organization in the Federal Government?

In fiscal year (FY) 2015, HHS awarded approximately $410 billion in grants and over $21 billion in contracts.
HHS Grant Examples

• Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
• Tribal Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)
• Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF)
• Head Start
• Tribal Child Support
Types of fraudulent conduct

• Theft/embezzlement (grant administrators/program directors)
• Bribery of Tribal officials and contractors
• Grantees and recipients providing false information on applications
• False documents including invoices and
• Unauthorized/inflated salaries (staff, family, friends)
• Wages paid yet no work performed
• Grant funds used for personal travel and other items of personal enhancement.
Fraud, Waste, and Abuse

THE FRAUD TRIANGLE

Pressure
Motivation or Incentive to Commit Fraud

Rationalization
Justification of Dishonest Actions

Opportunity
The Knowledge and Ability to Carry Out Fraud

The Fraud Triangle by Donald R. Cressey
Special Investigations Branch

The Special Investigations Branch (SIB) addresses allegations involving the approximately 85,000 HHS employees (Political Appointees, Senior Executive Service, Commissioned Corps and Traditional Government Workers) working for the Department including those with:

- Office of the Secretary
- Office of Inspector General
- National Institutes of Health
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Indian Health Service
- Food and Drug Administration
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
REPORT HEALTH CARE FRAUD

Call the OIG hotline: 800-HHS-TIPS 4478477

Report fraud and misconduct relating to Medicare or Medicaid services.

Phone: 1-800-HHS-TIPS 4478477
Mail: Office of Inspector General
U. S. Dept. of Health and Human Services
Attn: Hotline
PO Box 23489
Washington, DC 20026

Online: oig.hhs.gov/report-fraud
Fax: 1-800-223-8164
TTY: 1-800-377-4950
Questions?
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