



## **PROVIDER ALERT**

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### **Compliance Guidance**

The US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General (OIG) posted new training materials for physicians today:

#### **Roadmap for New Physicians: Avoiding Medicare and Medicaid Fraud and Abuse**

OIG conducted a survey of medical school deans and designated institutional officials at institutions that sponsor residencies and fellowships to learn what types of instruction medical students, residents, and fellows receive on Medicare and Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse. Nearly all respondents (92% of deans and 90% of designated institutional officials) reported they would like OIG to provide educational materials they can use.

In response to the desire for educational material, OIG has developed a *Roadmap for New Physicians: Avoiding Medicare and Medicaid Fraud and Abuse*. The *Roadmap* summarizes the five main Federal fraud and abuse laws (the False Claims Act, the Anti-Kickback Statute, the Stark Law, the Exclusion Statute, and the Civil Monetary Penalties Law) and provides tips on how physicians should comply with these laws in their relationships with payers (like the Medicare and Medicaid programs), relationships with vendors (like drug, biologic, and medical device companies), and relationships with fellow providers (like hospitals, nursing homes, and physician colleagues).

The *Roadmap* is available at <http://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/PhysicianEducation>. You may also download the information as a PDF for printing and distributing free of charge.