

CMS Fraud Training Modules for Providers

In June 2012, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) produced two fraud prevention training modules that are currently available on the Medscape website (www.medscape.org). These modules provide key information to health care practitioners and professionals on how they can assist CMS in preventing fraud and abuse, as well as highlight CMS' efforts to fight fraud and abuse and explain how health care professionals can be part of these efforts.

The first module, *Reducing Medicare and Medicaid Fraud and Abuse: Protecting Practices and Patients*, presents CMS' provider-focused fraud awareness and prevention initiatives. The goal of this activity is to provide health care professionals with actionable ideas for working with CMS and other agencies that investigate suspected fraud and abuse. This module also informs providers about how they can reduce the risk of fraud and abuse for their practices and patients. This module can be found here: <http://www.medscape.org/viewarticle/764496>

The goal of the second module, "How CMS Is Fighting Fraud: Major Program Integrity Initiatives," describes recent and on-going strategies that CMS has undertaken to detect and to prevent fraud and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The goal of this activity is to increase awareness amongst providers about the strategies CMS has undertaken to detect and to prevent fraud and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. This module can be found here: <http://www.medscape.org/viewarticle/764791>

The modules feature Dr. Peter Budetti, Deputy Administrator of the Center for Program Integrity; Dr. Shantanu Agrawal, Medical Director of the Center for Program Integrity; and Mary Agnes Laurenco, former Deputy Director of the Center for Program Integrity.

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