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OIG Publishes Additional Educational Materials for Physicians Regarding Federal Fraud and Abuse Laws

On February 9, 2011, the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Inspector General (OIG) released additional educational materials regarding physician compliance with the federal Medicare and Medicaid fraud and abuse laws. The additional materials build upon the OIG's October 2010 publication entitled *A Roadmap for New Physicians: Avoiding Medicare and Medicaid Fraud and Abuse*.

The *Roadmap* summarizes the five key federal fraud and abuse laws: the False Claims Act, Anti-Kickback Statute, Stark Law, Exclusion Statute, and Civil Monetary Penalties Law. The *Roadmap* describes how physicians should comply with these laws in their dealings with payers, vendors and other providers, and provides detailed case examples of practices that violate the federal fraud and abuse laws. We summarized the *Roadmap* in an earlier AGG Client Alert available [here](#).¹

To facilitate training of the *Roadmap*, the OIG has now added a slide deck and speaker's notes, along with a narration of the speaker's notes for physicians who are unable to attend an in-person training session. These materials will enable users to easily conduct training sessions for medical students, residents and fellows. The materials will also be valuable as "refresher" training tools for practicing physicians and medical staffs.

The *Roadmap*, slide deck and speaker's notes can be accessed [here](#).² If you have any questions about the *Roadmap* materials or would like assistance with planning a training session, please let us know.

¹ <http://www.agg.com/media/interior/publications/Jordan-OIG-Issues-Fraud-And-Abuse-Training-Materials-for-Medical-Students-Residents-and-Fellows.pdf>

² <http://www.oig.hhs.gov/fraud/PhysicianEducation/>

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