

Guide to the

Federal Laws

that Govern Medicare Fraud



FEDERAL CIVIL FALSE CLAIMS ACT

Protection against inappropriate billing or production of goods for monetary gain

ANTI-KICKBACK STATUTE

Prevents healthcare providers from receiving rewards in exchange for patient referrals

PHYSICIAN SELF-REFERRAL LAW (STARK LAW)

Prevents physicians from referring patients to a facility where they or their family has a financial interest

Criminal Health Care Fraud Statute

Prevents knowingly participating in a fraud scheme to defraud or steal property from a healthcare benefits program

Exclusion Statute

Allow the Office of the Attorney General to exclude individuals or entities from participating in Federal healthcare programs

Civil Monetary Penalties Law

Gives the Office of the Attorney General authority to impose civil penalties or exclusions for various fraud violations

To Report Suspected Fraud:
Health and Human Services Office
of the Inspector General
1-800-HHS-TIPS