



# U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office of Inspector General



## The Office of Investigations



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# Our Mission



**OI's mission is to protect the integrity of HHS programs.**

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

- Criminal
- Civil
- Administrative





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# 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)



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ADMINISTRATION FOR  
**CHILDREN & FAMILIES**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
**HRSA**  
Health Resources and Services Administration

**ACL**  
Administration for Community Living

**ATSDR**  
AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES  
AND DISEASE REGISTRY



**SAMHSA**  
Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
Services Administration

**CMS**  
CENTERS for MEDICARE & MEDICAID SERVICES

**CDC**  
CENTERS FOR DISEASE  
CONTROL AND PREVENTION

**AHRQ** Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality  
Advancing Excellence in Health Care



**FDA** U.S. FOOD & DRUG  
ADMINISTRATION



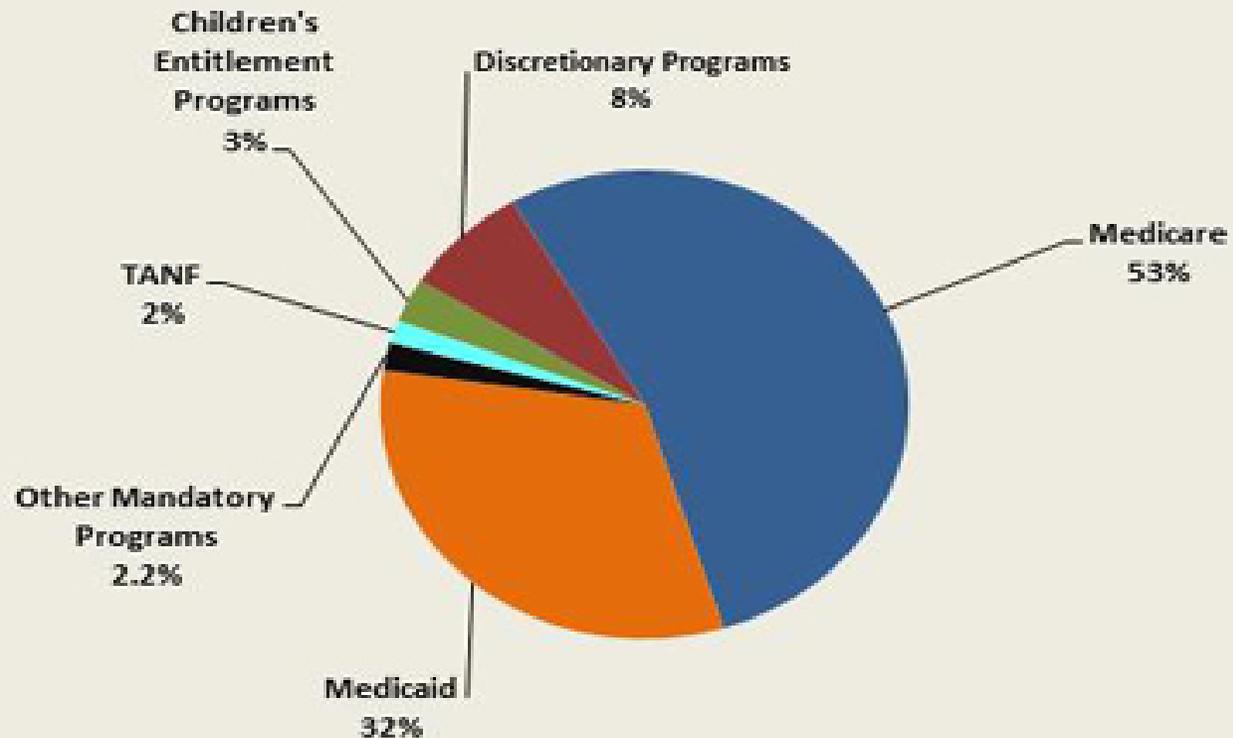
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## HHS FY 2016 Budget



\$1,093 Billion in Outlays





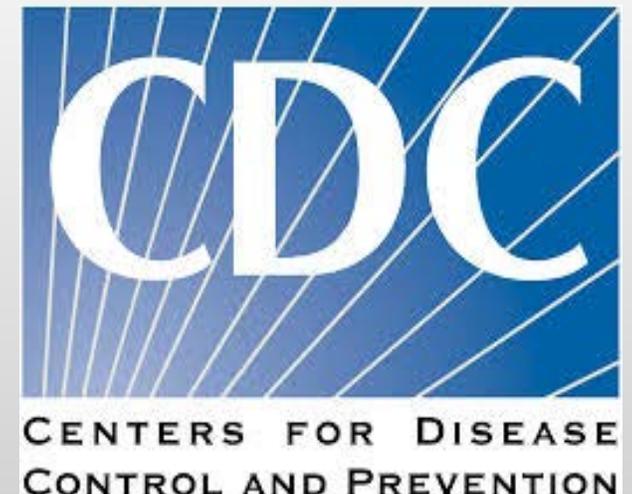
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## Sources of OIG Referrals



State, Local & Tribal  
Agencies





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# 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



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## **HHS Grant Funding**



- 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.



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## **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**



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# 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.



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# 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*





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# 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





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# REPORT HEALTH CARE FRAUD

Call the OIG hotline: **800-HHS-TIPS**  
4 4 7 8 4 7 7

Report fraud and misconduct  
relating to Medicare or  
Medicaid services.

SCAN HERE TO



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**Phone:** 1-800-HHS-TIPS  
4 4 7 8 4 7 7  
**Online:** [oig.hhs.gov/report-fraud](http://oig.hhs.gov/report-fraud)  
**Fax:** 1-800-223-8164  
**TTY:** 1-800-377-4950

**Mail:** Office of Inspector General  
U. S. Dept. of Health and  
Human Services  
Attn: Hotline  
PO Box 23489  
Washington, DC 20026



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# Questions?





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