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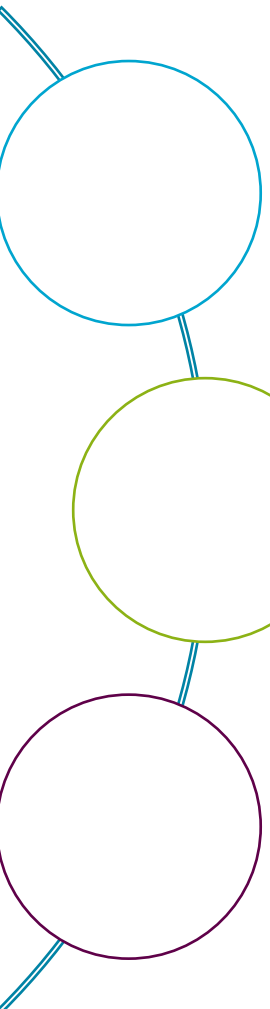


Exploring Federal Health Care Oversight

An introduction to HHS OIG and its role overseeing the health care landscape.

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Session Overview



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HHS OIG: Who We Are

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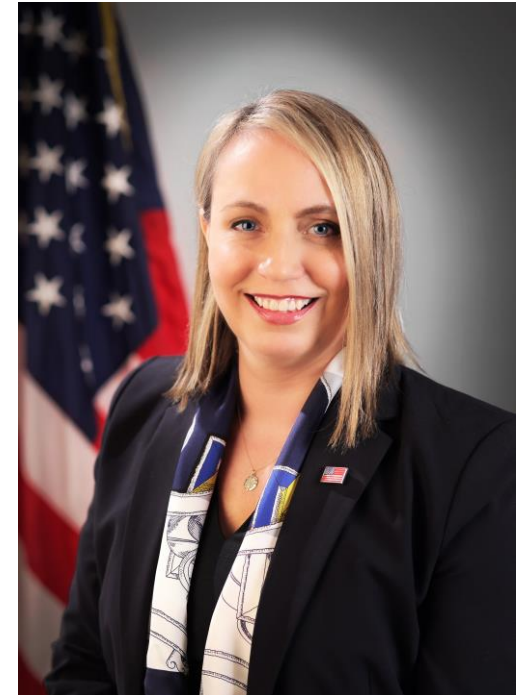
National Institutes of Health
Turning Discovery Into Health



HHS Office of Inspector General

Office of Inspector General (OIG)

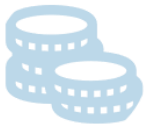
- Inspector General Act of 1978 established for oversight of major federal agencies
- Independent oversight agency within HHS with a focus on fraud, waste, and abuse
- 1,600 employees (largest Inspector General's office in the Federal government)
- Oversight conducted from regional offices, headed by Regional IGs or Special Agents in Charge



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HHS OIG's Mission

OIG's mission is to provide objective oversight to promote the economy, efficiency, effectiveness, and integrity of HHS programs, as well as the health and welfare of the people they serve



Fight Fraud, Waste and Abuse

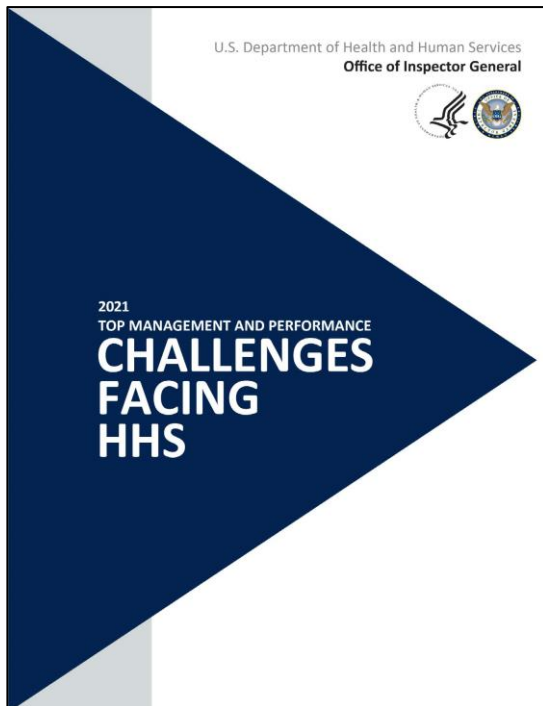


Promote Quality, Safety, and Value



Advance Excellence and Innovation

Top HHS Challenges - 2021



1 Safeguarding Public Health

2 Ensuring the Financial Integrity of HHS Programs

3 Delivering Value, Quality, and Improved Outcomes in Medicare and Medicaid

4 Protecting the Health and Safety of HHS Beneficiaries

5 Harnessing and Protecting Data to Improve the Health and Well-Being of Individuals

6 Improving Collaboration to Better Serve Our Nation



Our Approach to Oversight

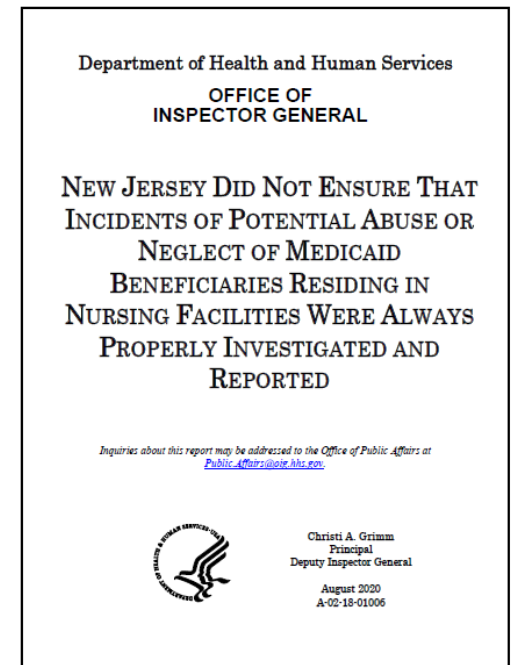
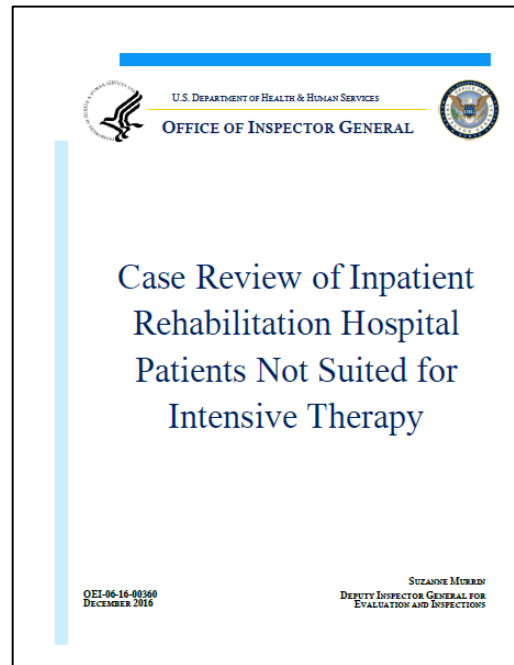
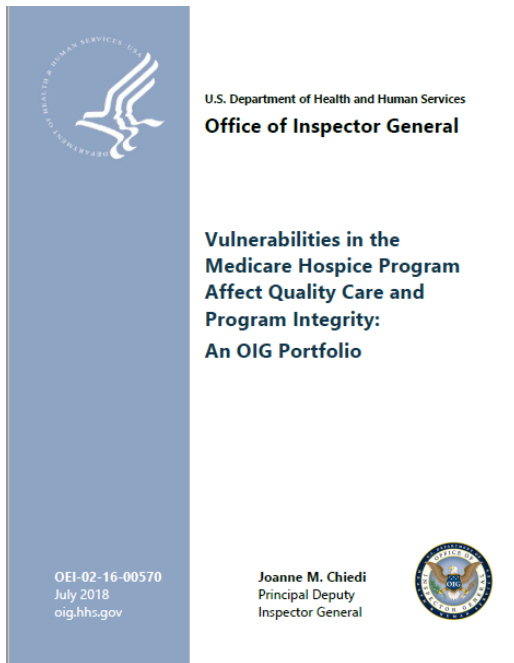
HHS OIG's Oversight Activities

To accomplish its mission, OIG conducts independent and objective **investigations, audits, and evaluations** to:

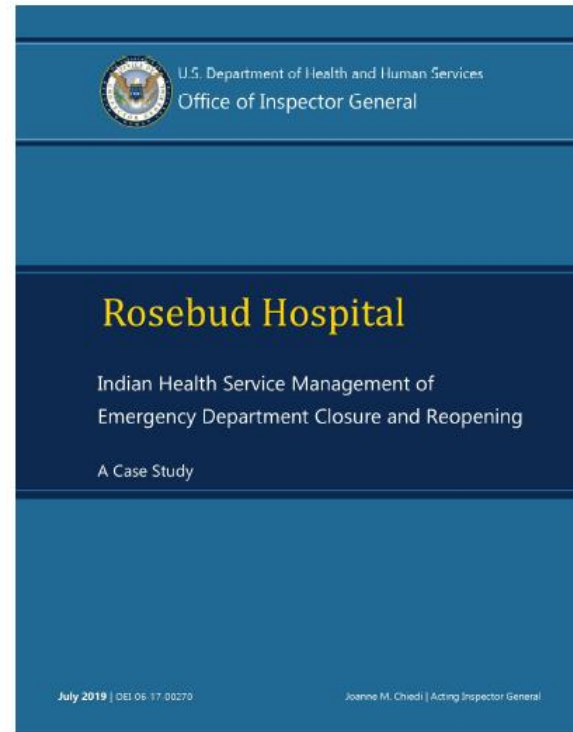
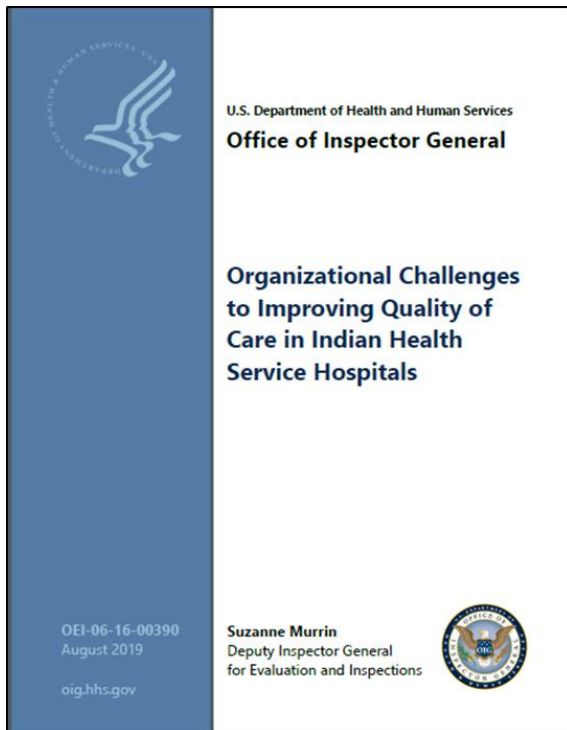
- Promote effective program management
- Keep the agency leadership and Congress informed
- Protect public health
- Save taxpayer dollars



Compliance Audits/Evaluations



Management Reviews



Primary Research

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**Adverse Events in Hospitals:
A Quarter of Medicare
Patients Experienced Harm in
October 2018**

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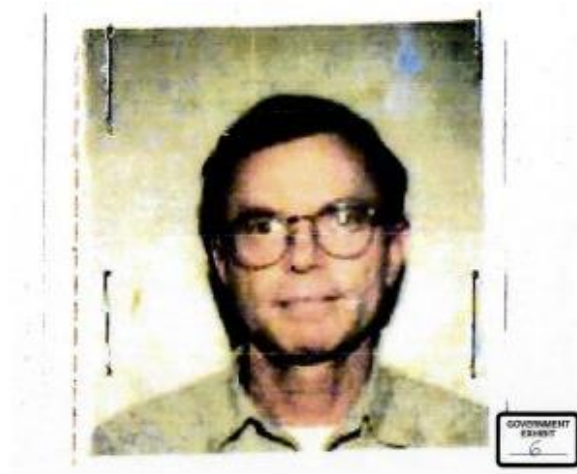
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Exclusions Program



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Fraud Programs



Fraud Hotline

Report the Scam

HHS OIG Hotline

[TIPS.HHS.GOV](https://tips.hhs.gov)

[1-800-447-8477](tel:1-800-447-8477)

TTY: [1-800-377-4950](tel:1-800-377-4950)

Federal Trade Commission

[1-877-FTC-HELP](tel:1-877-FTC-HELP)



Consumer Alerts



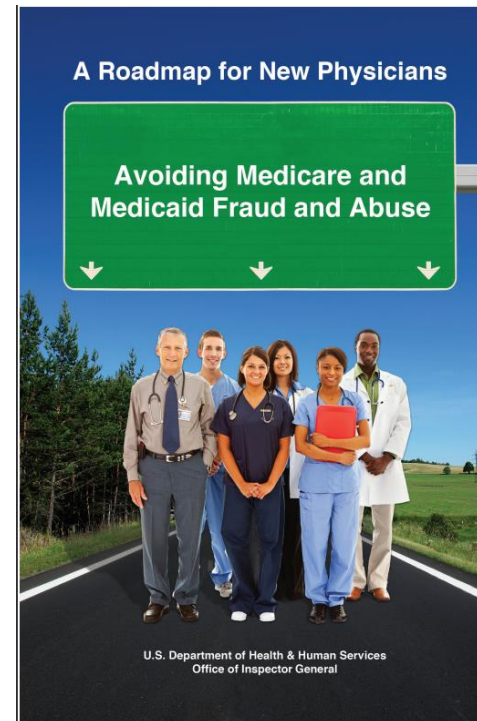
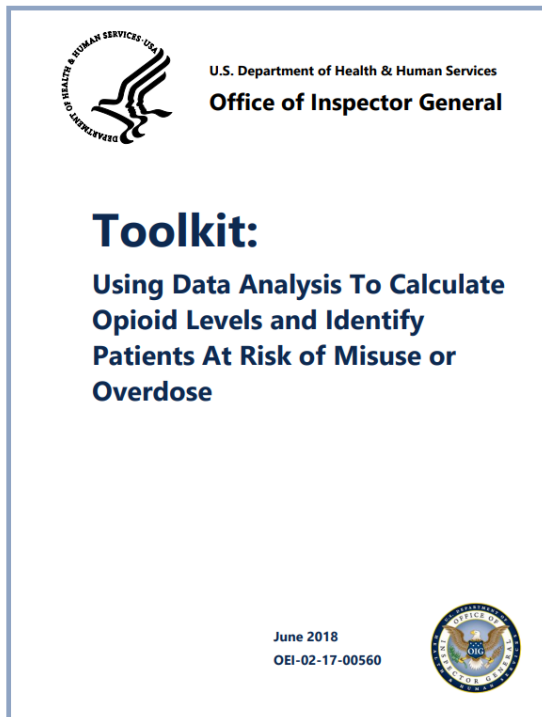
Enforcement



Fugitives

Compliance Resources

-  **Advisory Opinions**
-  **Corporate Integrity Agreements**
-  **Toolkits**
-  **A Roadmap for New Physicians**

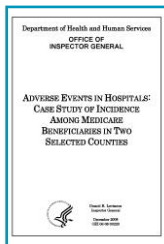




HHS OIG At Work

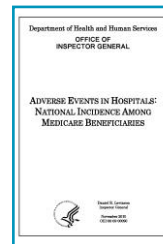
OIG Reports on Patient Safety

6 of 18 Reports include national incidence rates



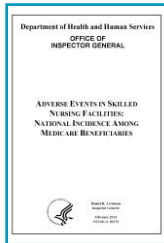
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Pilot Study (2008)



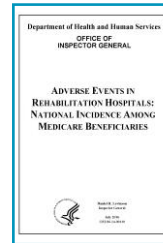
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Hospitals (2010)



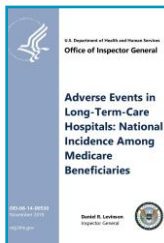
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Nursing Homes (2014)



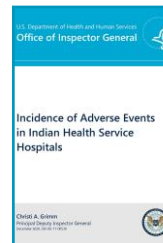
29%

Inpatient Rehab (2016)



46%

Long-term Care (2018)



13%

IHS Hospitals (2020)

Medicare Overpayments

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**CMS REPORTED COLLECTING JUST
OVER HALF OF THE
\$498 MILLION IN MEDICARE
OVERPAYMENTS IDENTIFIED
BY OIG AUDITS**

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Pulse Surveys of More Than 300 Hospitals

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Pulse 2: February 22-26, 2021

Findings

- Challenges delivering healthcare
- Staff burnout and acute shortages
- Responsibility for vaccine distribution
- Challenges maintaining financial position

Operation Brace Yourself

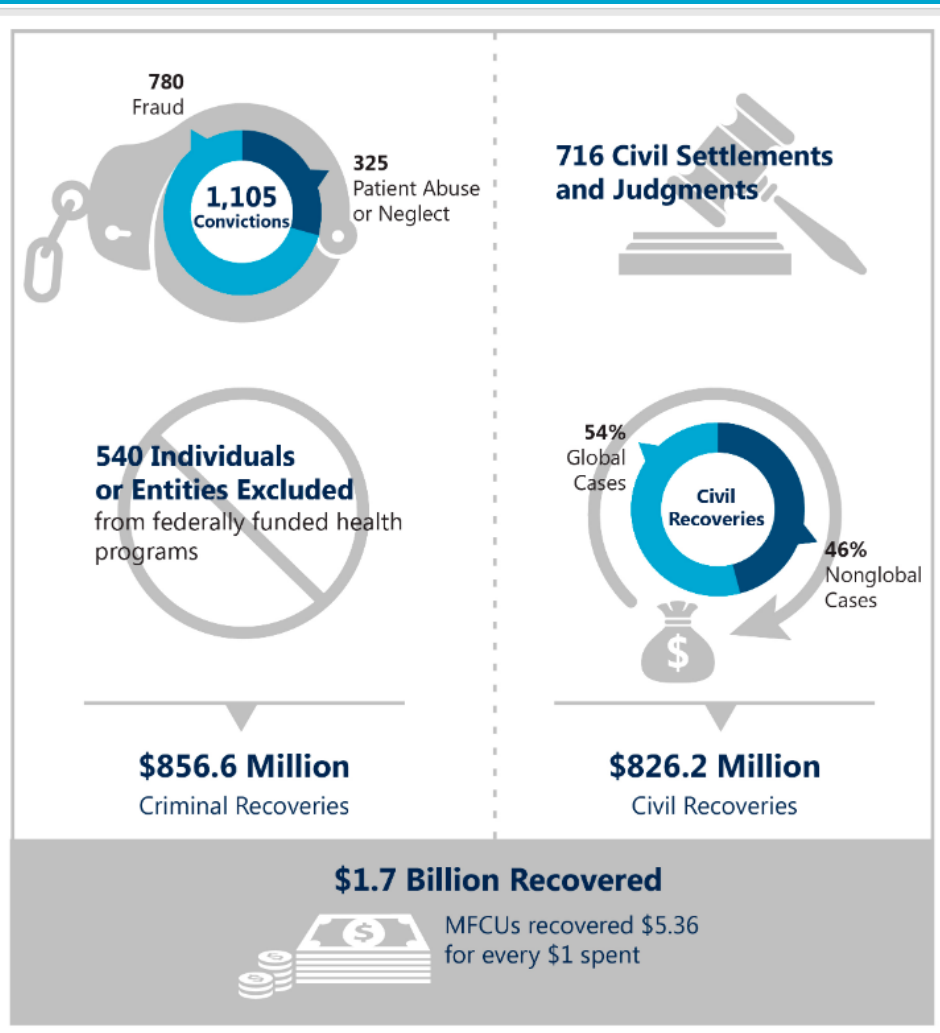
Collaboration of HHS OIG, the Federal Bureau of Investigations, and the Department of Justice

\$1.7 Billion in
Medicare claims

24 Defendants
across 17 Federal agencies



Medicaid Fraud Control Units



MFCUs

- 50 States, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands
- Annually recertified by OIG
 - Assesses performance and compliance with Federal requirements
 - Administered a Federal grant for a portion of operating costs

Recent Performance Highlights

FY 2021 Completed Work

- 207 Audit reports
- 67 Evaluations
- 2,524 Cases

Health care fraud and abuse oversight results

- Over **\$3.5 billion** expected recoveries in FY 2021
- Return on investment: **\$12 to \$1**

Semiannual Look: Q4 10/1/21 – Q1 3/31/22	
Audit Reports	47
Evaluations	14
Recommendations Implemented By HHS Operating Divisions	265
Criminal & Civil Actions	320 & 320
Expected Recoveries	\$2.58 billion

Key Takeaways

- HHS OIG is the main, independent oversight organization for Federal agencies that provide health resources and assistance to the public
- We provide insights through reports, toolkits, and other methods that inform Congress, Federal agencies, and the public
- The organization has an active role in fighting against fraud, waste, and abuse that affects the financial and program integrity of HHS

Questions and Discussion

Questions for later?

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OIG Public Resources

OIG Strategic Plan

oig.hhs.gov/about-oig/strategic-plan/

HHS Top Management and Performance Challenges

oig.hhs.gov/reports-and-publications/top-challenges/2021/index.asp

OIG Strategic Plan for COVID-19 Response and Recovery Oversight

oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus/strat.asp

Semiannual Report to Congress

oig.hhs.gov/reports-and-publications/semiannual/index.asp

OIG's FY 2023 Budget Justification to Congress

<https://oig.hhs.gov/documents/root/1026/FY-2023-HHS-OIG-CJ.pdf>