

Vendor Education Compliance Overview on the Deficit Reduction Act on False Claims Recovery

The False Claims Act is a federal law that provides that whoever knowingly submits to the federal government a false claim for payment, or creates a false record in support of a claim for payment, or knowingly retains the proceeds of a false claim for payment submitted to the government shall be liable for a civil penalty in the amount of \$5,500 to \$11,000 per claim, and three times the actual damages sustained by the government.

While the False Claims Act covers fraud involving any federally funded contract or program, in the health care area it has been applied to the Medicare and Medicaid programs, and also to federal research grants. Examples of health care-related False Claims Act violations are: 1) a health care provider bills Medicare for services that were not performed or that were unnecessary; and 2) a federal grant recipient charges the Government for costs not related to the grant.

Any individual who suspects that potential False Claims Act violations may have occurred at Boys Town National Research Hospital should contact the Compliance Officer or contact EthicsPoint at 1-888-264-0754. See BTNRH Code of Conduct Addendum and/or information contained included on this webpage. Individuals are encouraged to report concerns. Retribution against individuals raising concerns is prohibited.

See other documents under this section for further information.