

Overcoming the Investigation: Key Considerations for Mitigating and Managing Government Investigations Into Medicaid & Medicare Billing

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You are caught off guard by an unannounced visit from a government regulator who requests your personal cell phone and access to company records.

You are a mid-level manager in the billing/ accounting department who has been complying with government regulators without involving counsel in any way. You view the matter as a minor governmental inquiry, only to learn that the company's general counsel received a subpoena and is not happy that you have potentially, or actually, compromised privileged or confidential material.

The government files a lawsuit against your company, and only then does the company realize that company emails and other records have not been preserved and people are in a panic, asking you what needs to be done to mitigate whatever harm may have been caused.

The government regulator has just served a Civil Investigation Demand (CID) seeking an employee's testimony and, having believed nothing illegal occurred, the employee wants to comply without further internal discussion with counsel about what information the interview would include.

Understanding the False Claims Act (FCA)

- What is the purpose of the FCA?
- What role can a whistleblower play?
- What protections does a whistleblower have?
- What are the potential penalties under the FCA?



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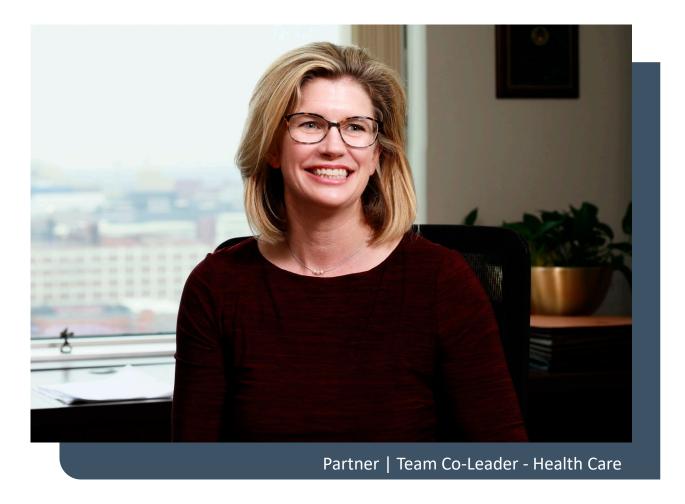


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