

U.S. House and Senate Notification
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To: Congressional Health Staff

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Re: HHS-DOJ HEAT Task Force Hosts 5th Regional Fraud Summit in Philadelphia and CMS Announces Contractor Award for State-of-the-Art Predictive Modeling in the Medicare Fee-for-Service Program

As part of the Obama Administration's ongoing efforts to prevent and fight fraud in our nation's health care system, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius and Department of Justice Attorney General Eric Holder co-hosted the fifth regional health care fraud summit at the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia in the McNeil Science & Technology Center today. The Attorney General and the HHS Secretary have traveled the country in the past year and a half bringing together a wide array of federal, state and local partners, beneficiaries, and providers to discuss innovative ways to eliminate fraud within the U.S. health care system.

As part of today's Summit, CMS announced that Northrop Grumman, a global provider of advanced information solutions, has been selected to develop CMS' national predictive modeling technology format. This type of predictive modeling tool will enable CMS to identify fraudulent claims and assign them a risk score based on a multitude of factors such as beneficiary, provider, service origin, or other unusual patterns. These risk scores will assist CMS in prioritizing claims review and determining next steps in investigation and enforcement. Implementation of the predictive modeling contract is set to begin by July 1, 2011.

The press release regarding this announcement can be found at:
http://www.cms.gov/apps/media/press_releases.asp

If you have any questions about CMS' new fraud prevention tools or the Philadelphia fraud summit, please contact the CMS Office of Legislation. Thank you.