



# Crushing Fraud

## OVERPAYMENT PREVENTION



CMS imposed **492 Medicare payment suspensions** on providers



Over **\$4.8 billion in payments** are currently on hold following payment suspension



Through medical review activities, CMS fraud contractors identified **\$2.3 billion** in overpayments across **3,006 Medicare providers**



Automated edits guarding against improper payments and potential fraud have denied payment for **over 1.1 million** items or services, totaling over **\$191 million**.

CMS revoked the ability of **4,780 providers and suppliers** to bill the Medicare program due to inappropriate behavior.



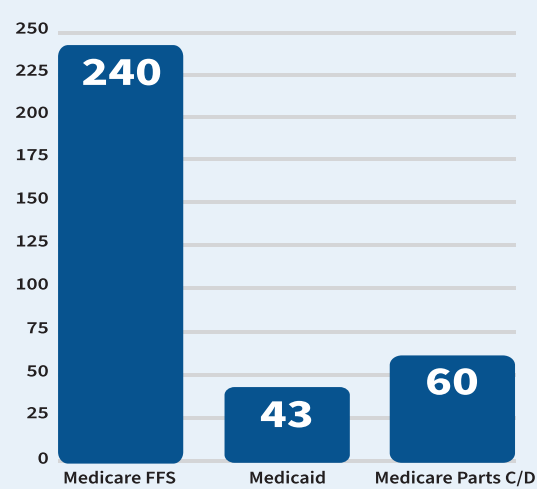
CMS denied **111,993** Medicare claims for unnecessary items and services because they failed to satisfy Medicare’s preliminary approval checks that confirm medical necessity and other coverage requirements.

CMS has collected over **\$320 million** in overpayments through post-payment reviews.



## INVESTIGATIONS AND REFERRALS

CMS Referrals Accepted by Law Enforcement



Law enforcement accepted **343 CMS fraud referrals** for potential legal action



These referrals encompassed **\$3.4 billion** in billing



The most powerful tool to combat fraud is YOU. So far in 2025, 1-800-MEDICARE has received complaints related to fraud, waste, and abuse from over **278,000 beneficiaries**—over 900 calls each day! If you suspect fraud, report it at **CMS.gov/fraud** or by calling **1-800-MEDICARE**.