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Contrary to popular belief, contractors are required to self-disclose possible violations of Federal anti-fraud laws, just like Medicare-contracted physicians are. If a contractor believes it might have violated one of the federal regulations involving fraud, overpayments, conflict of interest, bribery or gratuity, it must inform the government.

If you are ever impacted by this requirement, you should submit your self-disclosure in writing via email, mail, or hand-delivery. The government offers a disclosure form that you can use to explain your situation, or you can include the relevant information via letter or other manner, the OIG says in its recent "Contractor Self-Disclosure FAQs."

To read how to self-disclose, or to peruse the frequently-asked questions that the OIG posted on this topic, visit <http://oig.hhs.gov/faqs/contractor-faq.asp>.