

## **Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert**

### **Physician Note: OIG Asks Government for An Additional \$82 Million for CMS Oversight**

**Plus: This hospice fears its protected health information fell into the wrong hands.**

If it feels like the OIG uses more resources to go after inappropriately-billed and paid Medicare claims every year, that's because it's true. After raking in record recoupments in 2012, the OIG wants to step up its efforts even further, requesting \$320 million in FY 2014 for overseeing Medicare and Medicaid—this represents over \$82 million more than the 2012 amount.

The OIG intends to use the extra dollars for fraud prevention as well as "identifying questionable billings and reducing improper payments" in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

To read the complete 2014 OIG budget proposal, visit

[http://oig.hhs.gov/reports-and-publications/archives/budget/files/FY2014\\_HHSOIG\\_Congressional\\_Justification.pdf](http://oig.hhs.gov/reports-and-publications/archives/budget/files/FY2014_HHSOIG_Congressional_Justification.pdf) .