

## Part B Insider (Multispecialty) Coding Alert

### Physician Notes: Check Out the OIG's Daily FAQ Update

If you've got enforcement questions about financial arrangements during the time of COVID-19, the feds have answers.

On April 23, the HHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) announced it would field Anti-Kickback Statute (AKS) and Civil Monetary Penalty Law (CMPL) questions and post updates in a frequently-asked-questions forum. Updates are frequent and offer insight into the feds' COVID-19 relief efforts and enforcement. The "informal feedback" is not the same as an advisory opinion, but interested parties are invited to request those, too, OIG indicates.

**Reminder:** Plus, the federal watchdog reminds that advice and opinions aren't "binding," and "any favorable answer will not result in prospective immunity or protection from OIG administrative sanctions or prospective immunity or protection under Federal criminal law," the FAQs' guidance warns.

**Resource:** Read the FAQs, submit questions, or request an advisory opinion at <https://oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus/authorities-faq.asp>.