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Hospice News: Data Mining, Whistleblowers Key To State's New Fraud Strike Force

Health care fraudsters in West Virginia have another investigative body on their tail now. The Mountaineer Health Care Fraud Strike Force, a multi-agency unit "that will take a data-driven approach to uncovering waste and abuse," is now in operation, the Department of Justice says in a release.



"The time I spent in the private sector opened my eyes to the scope of the health care fraud that is occurring in West Virginia," U.S. Attorney **William Ihlenfeld** says in the release. "It made me realize that more can and should be done by law enforcement, which is why this new group has been formed."

The strike force is emphasizing whistleblower rewards and has established a new hotline (304-234-7711), email address (wvfraud@fbi.gov) and mailing address to allow for the reporting of potential fraud. "I hope the community will use this tip line to aid us in our efforts to hold those who commit fraud accountable," FBI Special Agent in Charge **Mike Nordwall** says in the release.