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Hospice Notes: Seniors Continue To Patrol For Medicare Fraud

Don't be surprised if you get some pointed billing questions from your patients. The **HHS Office of Inspector General's** Senior Medicare Patrol projects educated 1.5 million seniors on how to detect and report potential Medicare fraud last year, according to a recent report on the program.

For 2016, the projects reported \$163,904 in cost avoidance on behalf of Medicare, Medicaid, beneficiaries, and others, the OIG says. Savings to beneficiaries and others totaled \$53,449. Expected Medicare recoveries totaled only \$2,672, but two projects provided information to federal prosecutors that resulted in settlements totaling an additional \$9.2million in expected Medicare recoveries, according to the report at <https://oig.hhs.gov/oei/reports/oei-02-17-00220.pdf>.