

## Health Information Compliance Alert

### Industry Note: Man Pleads Guilty To Selling Patient Info To HHAs

A Detroit-area patient recruiter has pled guilty to his part in a \$25 million fraud scheme. **Clarence Cooper** sold Medicare beneficiary information for \$200 to \$300 per patient to area home health agencies who used the info to submit fraudulent claims, according to a **Department of Justice** release. Cooper obtained the information from the beneficiaries.

Cooper sold the info to contacts at now-defunct **First Choice Home Health Care Services Inc.** and **Reliance Home Care**, among others. He faces up to 10 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine when sentenced in July.