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Medicare revocations and deactivations have declined considerably since 2015, as CMS uses "compliance initiatives" to reduce them when appropriate, said Kimberly Brandt, CMS's principal deputy administrator for operations, at the Health Care Compliance Association's Compliance Institute in Boston April 8 ("CMS Makes Some Program Integrity Changes; Stark Revisions May Be Around the Corner," *RMC* 28, no. 14). CMS is shifting the focus of revocations and deactivations to "more egregious offenses like cases involving false or misleading disclosures, abusive billing or abusive prescribing." Contact Brandt at kimberly.brandt1@cms.hhs.gov.

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