
42 C.F.R. § 405.370

Definitions.

(a) For purposes of this subpart, the following definitions apply:

Credible allegation of fraud. A credible allegation of fraud is an allegation from any source, including but not limited to the following:

- (1) Fraud hotline tips verified by further evidence
- (2) Claims data mining.
- (3) Patterns identified through provider audits, civil false claims cases, and law enforcement investigations. Allegations are considered to be credible when they have indicia of reliability.

Fraud hotline tip. A complaint or other communications that are submitted through a fraud reporting phone number or a website intended for the same purpose, such as the Federal Government's HHS OIG Hotline or a health plan's fraud hotline.

Medicare contractor. Unless the context otherwise requires, includes, but is not limited to the any of following:

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