

Compliance Today – December 2019 The Veterans Affairs–OIG and Justice Department announce Veterans Affairs Health Care Fraud Task Force

The VA Health Care Fraud Task Force has been established to combat fraud in VA's expanding health care programs, according to an October 1, 2019 U.S. Department of Justice press release.

According to the press release, "The Task Force combines VA–OIG's substantial experience investigating health care fraud at VA with the Justice Department's proven track record prosecuting health care fraud through its Medicare Fraud Strike Force, which resides within the Criminal Division's Fraud Section. The Task Force initially will focus on investigating and prosecuting health care fraud in VA's growing Community Care program, under which eligible veterans may receive health care from a private provider in their community (rather than from a VA medical facility), similar to the Medicare program. As part of the Task Force, a VA–OIG attorney will be detailed to serve as a special prosecutor in the Health Care Fraud Unit of the Fraud Section.

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