Proposed Rule Mandates Fraud Data Bank

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On October 30, 1998, the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking titled "Health Care Fraud and Abuse Data Collection Program: Reporting of Final Adverse Actions." The notice states that the Secretary of HHS "is to establish a national healthcare fraud and abuse data collection program for the reporting and disclosing of certain final adverse actions taken against healthcare providers, suppliers, or practitioners, and maintain a database of final adverse actions taken against healthcare providers, suppliers and practitioners." The Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank was mandated by section 1128E of PL 104-191, HIPAA. Comments were due on December 29, 1998, to the Health Resources and Services Administration, Bureau of Health Professions, Division of Quality Assurance.

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