



U.S. Department of Justice FY 2013 Budget Request

HEALTH CARE FRAUD

+ \$71.7 million in Program Increases

FY 2013 Overview

Eliminating fraud and abuse is essential to ensuring that our publicly funded health care programs remain a vital part of our Nation's overall health care system. The Department of Justice, using reimbursable funding provided by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), focuses its investigative and litigation resources to eliminating fraud, returning ill-gotten gains to the Treasury and others, and strengthening our public health care programs. The DOJ FY 2013 Budget requests \$71.7 million for program increases to expand DOJ's investigative and litigation capacity to address health care fraud.

The FY 2013 Budget requests additional resources to strengthen and expand DOJ and HHS' Medicare Fraud Strike Forces. These Strike Forces, comprised of Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agents, litigators from both the U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Criminal Division, and our Federal, state and local partners, represents the front line of the Department's efforts to address criminal fraud in our health care fraud programs.

In addition to supporting the Strike Forces, the funding increase will support the expansion of the Department's civil litigation efforts in addressing health care fraud, specifically in areas such as pharmaceutical fraud and off-label marketing. The funding will support both the Civil Division as well as U.S. Attorney's efforts to address this type of health care fraud.

Finally, the funding will bolster the Civil Rights Division activities supporting health care fraud, such as eliminating abuse and grossly substandard care in public health care facilities, Medicare and Medicaid funded nursing homes, and other long-term care facilities.

FY 2013 Program Increase Summary
(Amount in \$000s)

Component/Initiative	Amount
Health Care Fraud	
Mandatory Health Care Fraud Abuse and Control Account Funding	180
Discretionary Health Care Fraud Abuse and Control Account Funding	68,128
Mandatory Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Funding	3,428
Grand Total, Program Increases	\$71,736