

# Health Headlines

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## **Senate Committee on Finance Letter Seeks Input from Health Care Community on Prevention of Fraud, Waste and Abuse**

In a May 2 letter, Senate Finance Committee Chairman, Max Baucus (D-Mont), and Ranking Member, Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), along with Senators Ron Wyden (D-Ore), Tom Coburn (R-Okla), Tom Carper (D-Del) and Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa), announced an effort to solicit ideas from health care community stakeholders on how to prevent and fight waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The open letter to all members of the health care community invites submission of white papers offering “best ideas, built on years of experience and insight,” and specifically seeks recommendations on: (1) program integrity reforms to protect beneficiaries and prevent fraud and abuse; (2) payment integrity reforms to ensure accuracy, efficiency and value; and (3) fraud and abuse enforcement reforms to ensure tougher penalties against those who commit fraud. Submissions are due by June 29. The Senate Finance Committee expects to release a summary document highlighting key proposals later this year. To access the Senate Finance Committee Press Release and the May 2 letter, click [here](#).

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