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Three Year Performance Data for the HIPAA-Funded Projects (OEI-02-97-00528)

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At the request of the Administration on Aging (AoA), we have continued to collect performance data from the 18 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)-funded projects. The attachment presents cumulative performance data for the entire 3 years of the projects. Please note that these data are self-reported and we have not verified their accuracy.

Virtually all of the HIPAA-funded projects have completed their 3-year grant period. The projects as a whole have accomplished the following. They have trained a total of 25,888 trainers who have gone on to educate a total of 87,221 beneficiaries, family members, caregivers, and others in their sessions. They have also educated 19,942 aging network staff and volunteers about health care fraud, waste, and abuse. They reached an additional 744,383 people through forums and other public information presentations. As a result of these efforts, the projects reported receiving 15,127 complaints, 6 percent of which resulted in some action.

In their final reporting period, only three projects provided documentation of actual recoupment totaling \$12,928. The New York project identified another \$48 million to be recouped primarily in Medicaid funds. This was due to Medicaid/Medicare computer matches that identified double billings. Further, it should be noted that potentially substantial savings may arise from these projects due to a sentinel effect whereby fraud and error are reduced in light of Medicare beneficiaries' scrutiny of their bills. Savings will also result from reports of fraud and error made to the Medicare contractors and to the OIG fraud hotline. Tracking of these effects, however, has proved difficult.

If you have any questions, please call me at 202-619-0480 or have your staff call Jack Molnar at 212-264-1998.

Attachment

Three Year Outcomes for the HIPAA-Funded Projects

Activity	AZ	CA	СО	FL	GA	IL	LA	MA	МО	NJ	NY	ОН	OR	PA	TN	TX	VA	WA	TOTAL
A. Trainers																			
# of training sessions conducted for network agency staff, volunteers, and others	99	58	27	36	39	23	47	37	10	0	488	16	13	12	12	426	19	82	1,444
# of network agency staff, including /olunteers, trained	1,370	1,186	91	570	1,329	787	337	574	70	1	4,972	916	564	417	212	4,159	404	447	18,406
f of other staff and volunteers trained	591	210	212	42	0	100	479	0	0	0	4,057	10	400	0	121	1,260	0	DK	7,482
Fotal trained	1,961	1,396	303	612	1,329	887	816	574	70	1	9,029	926	964	417	333	5,419	404	447	25,888
B. Public information																			
f of media events conducted	17	138	2	336	90	46	18	9	5	0	217	1	14	8	5	835	83	119	1,943
f of forums and other public nformation presentations conducted	148	151	27	327	7	25	36	9	24	24	574	72	2	18	95	800	364	482	3,185
t of persons attending these forums and other public information presentations	8,455	1,053	133,000	9,918	731	1,101	1,301	2,420	6,189	2,710	237,997	40,230	184	588	5,681	210,496	45,012	37,317	744,383
C. Activities of trainers																			
t of trainers currently promoting wareness and reporting of health are fraud and abuse	115	27	91	130	10	85	197	574	3	1	2,352	30	338	417	284	110	259	DK	5,023
f of education and training sessions conducted by trainers for network agency or for other staff and olunteers	165	28	329	6	11	15	71	80	49	0	0	DK	506	8	20	44	8	DK	1,340
f of network agency and other staff and volunteers attending these sessions	6,969	586	720	32	340	670	892	2,780	2,510	0	0	DK	1,265	600	1,934	569	75	DK	19,942
t of sessions conducted by trainers or beneficiaries, family members, care givers, and others	156	716	72	178	18	127	359	125	0	0	1,468	DK	1,175	67	21	112	142	DK	4,736
f of beneficiaries, family members, care givers, and others attending hese sessions	13,098	1,549	2,902	22,307	920	5,023	3,105	2,350	0	0	18,672	DK	1,762	2,400	842	4,571	7,720	DK	87,221

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Three Year Outcomes for the HIPAA-Funded Projects

Activity	AZ	CA	СО	FL	GA	IL	LA	MA	МО	NJ	NY	ОН	OR	PA	TN	TX	VA	WA	TOTAL
D. Health care fraud and abuse complaint receipt and referral activity																			
t of complaints received attributable o the project	359	8,976	0	1,480	36	15	33	3,154	DK	39	180	32	16	DK	0	466	268	73	15,127
f of complaints referred for follow-up	56	5,471	0	23	24	15	19	2	DK	15	55	1	15	DK	0	117	165	13	5,991
t of complaints that resulted in some action	8	787	0	DK	DK	4	13	DK	DK	7	37	DK	9	DK	0	45	DK	3	913
Medicare \$ recouped attributable to he project	0	DK	0	DK	DK	7,551	1,501	DK	DK	3,563 *	3,008 *	DK	DK	DK	0	6,357 *	DK	1,400	23,380
Other \$ recouped attributable to the project	0	DK	0	DK	DK	0	0	DK	DK	39	47,901,200	DK	DK	DK	0	DK	DK	71,036	47,972,275
Fotal \$ recouped attributable to the project	0	DK	0	DK	DK	7,551	1,501	DK	DK	3,602	47,904,208	DK	DK	DK	0	6,357	DK	72,436	47,995,655

^{*} Documentation of actual recoupments provided

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