

In October 2007, the OIG published their Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2008. Released annually, the Work Plan previews OIG projects that are scheduled in the upcoming year for each of the major entities within the Department of Health and Human Services —

- + Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services
- + Public Health Service Agencies
- + Administrations for Children, Family, and Aging

Information is also provided on projects related to issues that cut across departmental programs, including state and local government use of Federal funds, as well as the functional areas of the Office of the Secretary. Some of the projects described in the Work Plan are statutorily required, such as the audit of the department's financial statements, which is mandated by the Government Management Reform Act.

This cover page is a list of CMS section headings that have appeared in OIG Work Plans over the years. These are not individual reports. They are just general CMS section headings. The following pages do include lists of reports from selected sections.

★ = New in FY 2008

	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008
Selected Sections												
Hospitals	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Home Health	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Nursing Home Care	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Hospice	●	●			●	●				●	●	●
Physicians and Other Health Professionals	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Medical Equipment and Supplies	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Drug Reimbursement (Part B)	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Medicare Part D Administration										●	●	●
Other Medicare Services	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
End Stage Renal Disease	●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
Laboratory Services	●	●			●	●	●					
Medicare Managed Care / Medicare Advantage	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Medicare Contractor Operations	●	●	●	●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●
Medicare Cross-Cutting Issues												★
Medicaid Hospitals						●		●	●	●	●	●
Medicaid Long-Term and Community Care (incl. Nursing Homes)								●	●	●	●	●
Medicaid Mental Health Services								●	●	●	●	●
Medicaid / State Children's Health Insurance Program			●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Medicaid Prescription Drugs / Reimbursement								●	●	●	●	●
Other Medicaid Services				●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Medicaid Administration									●	●	●	●
Medicare and Medicaid Nursing Home Issues												★
Information Resources Management / Systems Control	●							●	●	●	●	●
Medicare / Medicaid Gulf Coast Hurricane Response											●	●
Investigations	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Legal Counsel		●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
General Administration	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	
Medicaid Managed Care	●	●	●	●	●	●	●					
Medicaid Reimbursement	●	●	●				●					
Enforcement and Compliance	●											
Litigation Coordination	●											

OIG Work Plans:
Medicare Hospitals

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DRGs / Inpatient PPS

Targeting Diagnosis-Related Group Miscoding	•												OEI
Diagnosis-Related Group Coding		•						•	•				OEI
Updating Diagnosis Related Group Codes			•	•			•	•					OEI
Monitoring Diagnosis Related Group Coding			•										OEI
Medicare Payment for Diagnosis-Related Group 14				•									OEI
Diagnosis-Related Group Payment Limits				•	•	•	•	•					OAS
Changes in the Inpatient Case Mix Index for Medicare				•									OEI
Payments to Acute Care Prospective Payment System Hospitals						•							OEI
Inpatient Prospective Payment System Update Factors								•					OAS
Inpatient Prospective Payment System Wage Indices								•	•	•	•		OAS
Inpatient Hospital Payments for New Technologies									•	•	•		OAS
Medical Appropriateness and Coding of DRG											•		OEI

Outpatient

Duplicate Billing of Outpatient Hospital Services		•												OAS
Outpatient Base Year Costs			•											OAS
Outpatient Hospital Revenue Centers w/out Common Procedure Codes				•										OEI
Outpatient Prospective Payment System					•	•	•	•						OAS
Outpatient Pharmacy Services at Acute Care Hospitals					•	•								OAS
Outpatient Medical Supplies at Acute Care Hospitals					•	•								OAS
Outpatient Services on Same Day as Discharge and Readmission						•								OAS
Outpatient Cardiac Rehabilitation Services							•	•	•					OAS
Procedure Coding of Outpatient and Physician Services						•	•							OAS
Payments for Observation Services Versus Inpatient Admissions for Dialysis Services										•	•		OTH	OAS
Outpatient Dept. Payments (multiple procedures, repeat procedures, global surgeries)										•	•			OAS
Unbundling of Hospital Outpatient Services										•	•			OEI
"Inpatient Only" Services Performed in an Outpatient Setting										•	•			OEI

Outlier Payments

Outlier Payments	•							•						OAS / OEI
Outlier Adjustment Follow-up	•													OAS
Outlier Payments for Expanded Services				•	•	•								OAS
Outlier Payments Under Outpatient Prospective Payment System						•	•							OAS
Inpatient Outlier and Other Charge-Related Issues								•	•					OAS
Outpatient Outlier and Other Charge-Related Issues								•	•	•	•			OAS

72-Hour Rule

Multiple Providers Within the 72-Hour Payment Window	•													OAS
Diagnosis-Related Group Payment Window				•										OAS
Diagnosis-Related Group Payment Window -- Hospitals					•									OAS
Diagnosis-Related Group Payment Window -- Part B					•	•								OAS
Expansion of Diagnosis-Related Group Payment Window						•	•							OAS

OTH = Appears in "Other Medicare Services" section of Work Plan.

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Transfers / Discharges

Prospective Payment System Transfers		●	●	●	●							OAS
Prospective Payment System Transfers During Hospital Mergers		●	●	●	●	●						OAS
Prospective Payment System Transfers b/tw Chain Members				●	●							OAS
Prospective Payment System Transfers: Admin Recovery				●	●							OAS
Hospital Discharge Planning	●											OEI
Hospital Reporting of Patients Who "Left Against Medical Advice"		●	●									OAS
One-Day Hospital Stays				●	●	●						OAS
Same Day Discharge and Readmission to Same Hospital			●	●								OAS
Hospital Discharges and Subsequent Readmissions					●	●						OAS
Consecutive Inpatient Stays						●	●	●	●			OEI
Postacute Services for Diagnosis-Related Groups Considered Transfers					●				●			OEI / OAS
Compliance with Medicare's Transfer Policy											★	OAS

Medical Education

Medicare Indirect Medical Education Payments	●	●										OAS
Medicare and Medicaid Payments for Graduate Medical Education		●										OAS
Medical Education Payments						●	●					OAS
Graduate Medical Education Payments				●								OAS
Medical Education Payments for Dental and Podiatry Residents							●	●	●			OAS
Nursing and Allied Health Education Payments							●	●	●	●	●	OAS
Graduate Medical Education Voluntary Supervision in Nonhospital Settings								●				OAS
Adjustments for Graduate Medical Education									●	●	●	OAS

Provider-Based Status / Physician Practices

Hospital Ownership of Physician Practices		●										OEI
Hospital-Owned Physician Practices: Provider-Based Status			●									OEI
Hospital-Owned Physician Practices: Financial Impact			●									OEI

"PPS-Exempt" / "TEFRA" Providers

Costs at Non-Prospective Payment System Providers	●											OAS
Short-Stay Discharges at Non-PPS Providers		●										OAS
Hospitals Exempt from the Prospective Payment System				●								OAS

Long-Term Care Hospitals

Long-Term Care Satellite Units & Hospitals-within-Hospitals					●	●	●	●	●			2	OEI / OAS
Long-Term Care Hospital Payments								●	●	●			OAS
Level of Care in Long-Term Care Hospitals								●					OEI
Long-Term Care Hospital Admissions										●			OEI
Long-Term Care Hospital Classification										●			OAS
Payments for Interrupted Stays												★	OAS
Payments for Short Stay Outliers												★	OEI

2 = Two reports on this subject.

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Other

Hospital Closure	●	●	●	●									OEI
Research Project Payments	●												OAS
Experimental Drug Trials		●	●										OAS
Medicare Contracting for Hospital Inpatient Services	●												OAS
Observational Stays Billed to Medicare		●											OEI
Hospital Services Billed Under Arrangement		●	●										OEI
Relationship Between Hospital Costs and Revenues			●										OAS
Revenue Codes Billed by Hospitals		●											OEI
Billing Routine Services on a "Stat" Basis				●									OAS
Payments for Related Hospital and Skilled-Nursing Stays				●	●								OEI
SNF Coverage After Unnecessary Hospital Stays				●									OEI
Uncollected Beneficiary Deductibles and Coinsurance				●	●	●	●						OAS
Medicare Disproportionate Share (DSH) Payments	●											●	OAS
Medicare Losses Upon Sale of Hospitals	●												OEI
Coronary Artery Stents							●	●	●				OAS
Medicare Payment Error Prevention Program						●							OEI
Periodic Interim Payments						●							OAS
Charges and Payments Made Under New PPS							●						OAS
Potentially Excessive Payments for Inpatient and Outpatient Services							●						OAS
Diagnostic Testing in Emergency Rooms						●	●						OEI
Rebates Paid to Hospitals								●	●	●			OAS
Lifetime Reserve Days								●					OEI
Medicare Dependent Hospital Program										●	●		OAS
Interpretation of Diagnostic X-rays w/in Emergency Departments										●	●		OEI
Provider Bad Debts												★	OAS
Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP)												★	OAS

OIG Work Plans:
Medicare Home Health

FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY
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Common Characteristics of Problem Home Health Agencies	●												OEI
Home Health Agency Eligibility Reviews	●	●											OAS
General and Administrative Costs	●	●											OAS
Medical Providers with Multiple Provider Numbers	●												OAS
Locating Billing Functions in High Cost Cities	●												OAS
Hospital Ownership of Home Health Agencies		●											OEI
Physician Case Management Billings		●	●										OAS
Home Health Agency Cost Reports		●											OAS
Home Health Aides		●	●										OAS
Overhead Costs of Home Health Agencies		●											OAS
Home Health Base Year Costs			●										OAS
Payments Based on Location of Service			●	●	●								OAS
Utilization Patterns of Home Health Services			●										OEI
Beneficiary Access to Home Health Agencies			●		●		●	●	●				OEI
Impact of PPS on Quality of Care							●	●	●				OEI
Home Health Compliance Programs				●	●	●							OEI
Physician Involvement in Approving Home Health Care				●	●								OEI
Screening of Home Health Beneficiaries				●									OEI
Reasonableness of Current Payments				●									OAS
Assessments Used for Case Mix Adjustment					●								OEI
Debt Management Process					●								OAS
Oversight of Home Health Care Quality						●							OEI
Coding of Home Health Resource Groups						●					●	●	OEI
Home Health Payment System Controls					●	●	●/●	●					OEI / OAS
Home Health Agencies' Arrangements With Other Facilities							●						OAS
Home Health Outlier Payments							●	●	●	●	●		OAS
Enhanced Payments for Home Health Therapy							●	●	●	●			OAS
Cyclical Noncompliance in Home Health Agencies									●	●	●		OEI
Accuracy of Data on Home Health Compare Website									●	●	●		OEI
Home Health Rehabilitation Therapy Services										●			OEI

OIG Work Plans:
Medicare Nursing Homes

	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	
Three-Day Hospital Stay Requirement / Ineligible Stays	●	●			●	●	●						OAS
Subacute Care at Skilled Nursing Facilities	●												OAS
Therapy Services in Nursing Facilities	●	●/●	●/●	●	●								OEI / OAS
Subsidiary Rehabilitation Therapy Companies	●												OAS
Revenue Codes: Florida Facilities	●												OAS
Revenue Codes: Facilities in Remaining Op. Restore Trust States	●												OAS
Revenue Codes Billed by Nursing Facilities		●											OAS
Ancillary Medical Supplies	●		●	●	●								OAS
Physicians with Excessive Nursing Home Visits	●	●	●										OAS
Physician Routine Nursing Home Visits				●									OAS
Medicare Ambulance Transportation for Nursing Home Residents	●												OEI
Medicare Payments for Items Incl. in Medicaid Per Diem Rate	●												OEI
Drug Utilization in Nursing Homes	●												OEI
Nail Debridement	●												OEI
Financial Conflicts of Interest		●											OAS
Resident Assessments and Plans of Care			●	●					●				OEI
Skilled Nursing Facility Base Year Costs			●										OAS
Consolidated Billing Requirements			●		●	●	●			●	●	●	OEI / OAS
Nursing Home Medical Directors				●	●		●						OEI
Nurse Aide Training / Registries				●	●	●		●	●				OEI
Family Experience with Nursing Home Care				●	●	●							OEI
Implementing the Skilled Nursing Facility PPS				●									OAS
Beneficiary Access to Skilled Nursing Facilities Under the Prospective Payment System				●			●	●	●				OEI
Financial Screening and Distinct Part Rules				●									OEI
Nursing Home Reporting of Minimum Data Set							●	●	●				OEI
Program Integrity Safeguards							●						OAS
Part B Payments for Beneficiaries in Nursing Homes							●	●					OEI
Social Work Services in Skilled Nursing Facilities							●						OEI
Nursing Home Payment System Controls								●					OAS
Skilled Nursing Facilities' Involvement in Consecutive Inpatient Stays								●	●	●	●		OEI
Imaging and Laboratory Services in Nursing Homes								●	●	●	●		OEI
Nursing Home Compliance with Dietary Service Requirements								●					OEI
Use of Additional Funds Provided to Skilled Nursing Facilities									●	●			OEI
Nursing Home Residents' Rights									●				OEI
Skilled Nursing Facility Rehabilitation and Infusion Therapy Services									●	●	●		OAS
Skilled Nursing Facility Payments for Day of Discharge										●	●		OAS
Prescription Drug Plan Formularies and Dually Eligible Nursing Home Residents										●			OEI
Implementation of Part D in Nursing Homes											●		OEI
Submission of No-Pay Bills											●		OEI
Oversight of Medicare Cost Reports												★	OEI

OIG Work Plans:
Medicare Hospice *

	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	
Eligibility for Hospice Care	●												OAS
National Hospice Deficiencies	●												OAS
Part B Payments for Hospice Patients	●	●											OAS
Hospice Services Provided to Patients in Nursing Facilities	●												OEI
Hospice and Hospital/SNF Overpayments	●	●											OAS
Hospice Payments for Nursing Homes Residents					●	●				●	●	●	OEI
Hospice: Referral Sources and Patient Care	●												OEI
Hospice Reimbursement Rates		●											OAS
Plans of Care / Appropriate Payments					●	●					●		OEI
Use of Continuous Home Care by Hospice Agencies					●								OEI
Oversight of Hospice Providers										●			OEI

* = Section did not appear in Work Plan for FY 99, FY 00, FY 03, FY 04, or FY 05.

OIG Work Plans:
Medicare Physicians & Other Prof

FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY
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Physicians

Variation in Utilization of Physician Services	●												OEI
Clinical Billing Practices	●												OAS
Billing Service Companies		●	●						●	●	●		OAS
Automated Encoding Systems for Billing			●	●									OEI
Reassignment of Physician Benefits			●	●	●	●	●					●	OEI
Violation of Assignment Rules by Medicare Providers											●	●	OEI
Patient Billing Records			●										OAS
Physician Credit Balances	●	●											OAS
Physicians at Teaching Hospitals (PATH)		●	●	●	●	●							OAS
Billing for Residents' Services						●							OAS
Physician Perspectives on Medicare HMOs		●											OEI
Physician Certification of Durable Medical Equipment		●											OEI
Hospital Ownership of Physician Practices		●											OEI
Accuracy of and Carrier Monitoring of Physician Visit Coding		● / ●	●										OEI / OAS
Use of Surgical Modifier		●											OAS
Physician and Other Service Provider Use of Diagnosis Codes		●											OEI
Multiple Discharges		●											OAS
Anesthesia Services		●											OAS
Critical Care Services / Codes		●			●								OAS / OEI
Services and Supplies "Incident to" Physician Services					●	●	●	●			●	●	OEI
Podiatry Services			●	●	●								OEI
Podiatrist's Medicare Billings				●	●								OAS
Myocardial Perfusion Imaging				●									OEI
Private Physician Contracting				●									OEI
Advance Beneficiary Notices				●	●	●							OEI
Bone Density Screening					●	●	●						OEI
Beneficiary Access to Preventive Services						●							OEI
Consultations						●	●	●					OEI
Inpatient Dialysis Services							●						OAS
Coding of Physician Evaluation of Dialysis							●						OEI
Coding of Medicare Physician Services							●						OEI
Coding of Evaluation and Management (E/M) Services						●	●	●	●				OEI
Review of E/M Services During Global Surgery Period											●	●	OAS
"Long Distance" Physician Claims (esp. HHA, SNF)							●	●	●	●	●	●	OEI
Cataract Surgery Comanagement							●						OEI
Financial Arrangements Between Physicians and Ambulatory Surgical Centers							●						OEI
Use of Modifier -25								●	●				OEI
Use of Modifiers with National Correct Coding Initiative Edits								●	●				OEI
ESRD Monthly Capitation Payment Relative-Value Units								●					OAS
Place-of-Service Errors								●			●	●	OAS
Billing for Diagnostic Tests								●					OEI
Radiation Therapy Services								●					OAS
Care Plan Oversight								●	●	●			OAS
Ordering Physicians Excluded From Medicare								●	●	●			OAS

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Medicare Physicians & Other Prof

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Physicians (continued)

Medicare Payments to VA Physicians									●	●			OAS
Physicians with Excessive Nursing Home Visits			●										OAS
Physician Services at Skilled Nursing Facilities									●				OAS
Physician Pathology Services									●	●	●		OAS
Cardiography and Echocardiography Services									●	●	●		OAS
Wound Care Services									●	●	●		OEI
Provider-Based Entities									●				OEI
Payment to Providers of Care for Initial Preventative Physical Examinations (IPPE)										●	●		OAS
Eye Surgeries / Lasik											●		OAS
Medicare Reimbursement for Polysomnography											●	●	OEI
Advanced Imaging Services in Physician Offices											●		OEI
Payments for Selected Physician Services												★	OAS
Business Relationships and Use of MRI												★	OEI
Payments for Interventional Pain Management Procedures												★	OEI
Geographic Areas with High Utilization of Ultrasound Services												★	OEI
Geographic Areas with High Density of Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities												★	OEI

Psychiatric / Mental Health Services

Improper Billing of Psychiatric Services		●	●										OAS
Psychiatric Services in Inpatient Setting											●		OAS
Part B Mental Health Services									●	●	●		OEI
Payments for Psychiatric Services												★	OAS

Chiropractors / Chiropractic Services

Billing for Chiropractic Care								●					OEI
High Frequency Chiropractic Treatments												★	OEI

Non-Physician

Billing for Services Rendered by Physician Assistants		●											OAS
Physicians' Roles in Controlling Non-Physician Services	●												OEI
Role of Non-Physician Practitioners					●								OEI
Medicare Payments of Nonphysician Practitioners								●					OEI
Physical and Occupational Therapy Services									●	●	●		OAS
Potential Duplicate Physical Therapy Claims										●	●		OEI
Services Performed by Clinical Social Workers												★	OAS

OIG Work Plans:
Medicare Equip. & Supplies

FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY
1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	

Lymphedema Pumps	●												OEI
Pressure Reducing Support Surfaces	●											●	OEI
Beneficiary Satisfaction with DME Services	●												OEI
Capped Rental Payment for DME	●												OEI
Provider Numbers for DME Suppliers	●												OEI
Effectiveness of DME Regional Carriers	●												OEI
Operations of DME Carriers		●	●	●									OEI
Allowances for Wound Care		●											OEI
Comparison of Payers for Hospital Beds		●											OEI
DME Credit Balances		●											OAS
Audits of Selected Providers			●										OAS
Hospice Part B Billings			●										OAS
Licensing Requirements for Prescription Drug Suppliers			●										OEI
Duplicate Billings for Medical Equipment & Supplies			●	●									OEI
Balance Billing for Medical Equipment and Supplies				●									OEI
DME Payments for Beneficiaries Receiving Home Health Services				●						●	●	●	OEI / OAS
Blood Glucose Testing				●						●		●	OEI / OAS
National Supplier Clearinghouse					●								OEI
Medical Necessity of Durable Medical Equipment						●		●	●	●	●		OEI
Certificates of Medical Necessity							●						OEI
Medicare Pricing of Equipment and Supplies						●		●	●	●	●		OEI
Medicare Payments for Equipment and Supplies					●								OEI
Payments for Nebulizer Drugs					●								OAS
Medicare Payments for DME Claims with ZX, KX, or KS Modifiers											●	●	OAS
DME Payments in South Florida												★	OAS
Comparison of Prices for Negative Pressure Wound Therapy Pump												★	OEI
Payment Suspensions for DME Suppliers												★	OEI
DME Claims Review in Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT)												★	OAS

Part B Services in Nursing Homes

Part B Services in Nursing Homes: An Overview													★	OEI
Part B Services in Nursing Homes: DME													★	OEI
Part B Services in Nursing Homes: Enteral Nutrition Therapy (ENT)													★	OEI

Wheelchairs

Medical Necessity of Wheelchairs							●							OEI
Payments for Power Wheelchairs													★	OEI
Supplier Purchase Prices for Power Wheelchairs													★	OEI

Oxygen Equipment / Supplies

Lease-Purchase of Oxygen Concentrators	●													OEI
Medical Necessity of Portable Oxygen	●	●	●											OEI
Payment for Oxygen Equipment and Supplies							●							OEI

OIG Work Plans:
Medicare Part B Drugs *

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Cost / Pricing

Average Manufacturer Price	●												OAS
Medicaid Drug Rebates	●												OAS
Pharmacy Reimbursement	●												OAS
Upper Payment Limits for Generic Drugs	●												OAS
Effect of Average Wholesale Price Discount on Medicare Drugs			●	●	●								OEI
Drug Prices Paid by Medicare Versus Other Sources					●		●						OEI
Computation of Average Sales Price								●	●	●	●		OAS
Collecting and Maintaining Average Sales Price Data								●	●				OEI
Adequacy of Reimbursement Rate for Drugs Under ASP								●	●	●			OEI / OAS
Monitoring of Market Prices for Part B Drugs								OTH	●				OEI
Monitoring Part B Drug Prices: ASP to Widely Avail. Market Price										●	●		OEI
Monitoring Part B Drug Prices: ASP to AMP										●	●		OEI
Effectiveness of Average Sales Price Cost Controls									●				OAS
Review of Part B Drug Reimbursement Methodology										●			OAS
Changes in Average Sales Price for Part B Drugs												★	OEI

Dialysis / Epogen

Payments for Non-End Stage Renal Disease Epopetin Alfa							●	●	●				OEI
Medicare Reimbursement for End-Stage Renal Disease Drugs									●	OTH			OEI
Payments to Independent Dialysis Facilities for Epogen										●	●		OAS

Other

Prescription Drug Dispensing Fees	●												OAS
Pharmacy Benefit Managers	●												OEI
Medicare Licensing Requirements for Drug Suppliers		●											OEI
Medicare Nebulizer Drugs		●	●			●							OAS / OEI
Infusion Therapy Services			●										OAS
Medicare Outpatient Prescription Drugs				●	●								OAS
Medicare Payments "Not Otherwise Classified"				●									OEI
Medicare Coverage of Prescription Drugs						●							OEI
Allergy Treatments							●	●					OEI
Prescription Drug Cards								●	D				OAS
Employer Subsidies for Drug Coverage								●	D				OAS
Beneficiary Understanding of Drug Discount Card Program								●					OEI
Medicare Payments for Oral Antiemetic Medications									●	●			OAS
Duplicate Payments for Part B Drugs Under the Competitive Acquisition Program									●	●			OEI
Review of Botulinum Toxin (Botox) Treatments										●			OAS
Intravenous Immune Globulin: Medicare Reimbursement and Availability										●			OEI
Medicare Payment for Chemotherapy Drug Administration Services												★	OEI
Billing for Excessive Dosages of Prescription Drugs												★	OEI
Upselling of Inhalation Drugs by Suppliers												★	OEI

* = Prior to FY 07, this section of the Work Plan was known simply as "Medicare Drug Reimbursement."

OTH = Appears in "Medicare Other" section of Work Plan.

D = *Appears in "Medicare Part D" section of Work Plan.*

OIG Work Plans:
Medicare Part D Administration *

	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	
Program Integrity Safeguards for Drug Plan Applicants										●			OEI
Beneficiary Awareness of the Part D Low-Income Subsidy										●			OEI
True Out-of-Pocket Costs for Part D Coverage										●	●		OEI
Prescription Drug Plan's Use of Formularies										●			OEI
Coordination Between State Assistance Programs and Part D										●			OEI
Drug Plan Programs to Deter Fraud, Waste, and Abuse										●		●	OEI
Prescription Drug Cards										●			OAS
Medicare Part D Drug Benefit Payments										●	●		OAS
State Contrib. to Drug Benefit Costs Assumed by Medicare										●	●	●	OAS
Part D Risk-Sharing Payments and Recoveries										●	●		OAS
Prescription Drug Benefit										●			OAS
Drug Access Through Prior Authorization and Exceptions											●		OEI
Drug Plan Marketing Materials											●	●	OEI
Medicare Part D Reconciliations												★	OAS
Medication Therapy Management Program												★	OAS
Aberrant Part D Claims												★	OAS
Part D Catastrophic Coverage												★	OAS
Bid Submission by Part D Sponsors												★	OAS
Disenrollment of Deceased Beneficiaries												★	OAS
Implement. Of Part D in Nursing Facilities												★	OEI
Drug Utilization During Part D Coverage Gap												★	OEI
Part D Explanation of Benefits Forms												★	OEI
Beneficiary Complaints About Drug Plans												★	OEI
Coordination of Benefits													
Third Party Liability Safeguards											●		OEI
Coordination of Benefits with Other Drug Coverage												★	OEI
Dual-Eligible Beneficiaries													
Auto-Enrollment of Dual-Eligibles into Part D Plans										●			OEI
Part D Dual-Eligible Demonstration Project											●	●	OAS
Dually-Eligible Hospice Patients											●		OAS
Potential Fraudulent Overutilization by Dual-Eligibles												★	OAS
Duplicate Claims / Payments													
Coordination of Part B and Part D to Avoid Duplicate Payments										●	●	●	OEI
Part D Duplicate Claims											●	●	OAS
Duplicate Claims for Hospice Beneficiaries												★	OAS
Duplicate Part A and Part B Claims Incl. With Part D Claims												★	OAS
Payments Under Part D During Part A Skilled Nursing Stays												★	OEI
Employer Subsidies													
Employer Subsidies for Drug Coverage										●			OAS
Allocation of Employer Premiums Under Retirement Subsidy Prog.											●	●	OAS
Allowable Costs Under the Retirement Drug Subsidy											●	●	OAS
Actuarial Value of Retiree Prescription Drug Coverage											●	●	OAS
Rebates in the Retirement Subsidy Program											●	●	OAS

OIG Work Plans:
Medicare Part D Administration *

FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY
1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008

Drug Prices

Monitoring Fluctuation in Drug Prices										•	•		OEI
Enrollee Access to Negotiated Prices for Covered Part D Drugs										•			OEI
Comparison of Part D Drug Pricing to Part B / Medicaid											•	•	OEI
Part D Negotiated Drug Prices and Concessions												★	OAS
Drug Prices on Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Finder												★	OEI

Rural Areas

Prescription Drug Benefit Pharmacy Access in Rural Areas										•	•		OEI
Rural Pharmacy Drug Purchases											•		OAS

* = Section did not appear in Work Plan for FY 99 to FY 05.

OIG Work Plans:
Medicare Laboratories *

	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	
Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments	●	●			●	●							OEI
Multiple Claims for Independent and Physician Lab Services	●												OAS
Claims for Outpatient Hospital Lab Services	●	●											OAS
Utilization of Lab Services		●											OEI
Fraud & Abuse in Cytology Labs		●											OEI
Independent Physiological Labs		●											OEI
Medicare Billing for Cholesterol Testing					●	●							OEI
Part B Claims for Glucose Testing							●						OEI

* = Section did not appear in Work Plan for FY 99, FY 00, or FY 04 to FY 08.
 See "Other Medicare Services" section for more recent OIG initiatives related to lab services.

OIG Work Plans:
Medicare ESRD *

	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	
Effectiveness of ESRD Patient Brochures: Facility Perspective	●												OEI
Epogen Reimbursement and Related Services	●												OAS
Epogen Reimbursement Relating to Hematocrit Levels		●											OAS
Medicare Payments for Epogen					●	●							OAS
Separately Billable ESRD Services	●			●									OAS
Bad Debts -- Nationwide Chain Organization	●	●	●										OAS
Dialysis Supply Kits		●											OEI
Dialysis Procedure/ E/M Code Double Billing		●											OAS
Clinical Laboratory Tests Provided to ESRD Beneficiaries			●										OAS
Medical Appropriateness of Tests and Other Services			●	●									OEI
External Oversight of Dialysis Facilities				●									OEI
Questionable Dialysis Claims				●									OEI
Duplicate Payments for Office Visits to Nephrologists				●	●								OAS
Medicare Composite Rate Reimbursement					●								OEI
Utilization Service Patterns of Beneficiaries					●	●							OEI
Hepatitis Tests					●								OAS
Method II Billing for ESRD				●	●	●							OEI
Prevalence of Method II Dialysis in Nursing Homes												OTH	OEI
Ambulance Transport for End Stage Renal Disease Beneficiaries		OTH										●	OEI

* = Section did not appear in Work Plan for FY 04 to FY 08.

See "Other Medicare Services" section for more recent OIG initiatives related to ESRD services.

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OIG Work Plans:
Other Medicare Services

FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY
1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	

Ambulance Services

Ambulance Payments	●							●					OEI
Comparison of Ambulance Reimbursement Policies		●	●										OEI
Medical Necessity, Quality of Care...Ambulance Services		●											OEI
Ambulance Services to Transport ESRD Patients		●				ESRD						●	OEI / OAS
Excess Payments for Ambulance Services			●	●									OAS
New Payment Provisions for Ambulance Services						●	●	●					OAS
Non-Emergency Ambulance Payments						●							OEI
Air Ambulance Services								●					OAS
Follow-up on Medicare Part B Payments for Ambulance Services								●	●				OAS
Ground Ambulance Services									●				OAS

Anesthesiology Services

Anesthesiology Services	●												OAS
Inappropriate Anesthesiology Claims		●											OAS

Dialysis Services / End Stage Renal Disease

Prevalence of Method II Dialysis in Nursing Homes						ESRD	●						OEI
Medicare Reimbursement for End-Stage Renal Disease Drugs									B	●			OEI
Quality of Care in Dialysis Facilities								●	●				OEI
Payments for Observation Services Versus Inpatient Admission for Dialysis									HOSP	HOSP	●		OAS

Laboratory Services

Clinical Laboratory Proficiency Testing			●	LAB	LAB	LAB	●	●	●				OEI
Clinical Laboratory Testing Outside Certified Specialties						LAB	●						OEI
Hospital Laboratory Services							●						OAS
Laboratory Services Rendered During an Inpatient Stay								●	●	●	●	●	OAS
Separately Billable Laboratory Services Under the End Stage Renal Disease Program									●	●	●	●	OAS
Medicare Pricing of Laboratory Services									●	●	●		OEI

Other

Medicare Beneficiary Satisfaction: 1997		●											OEI
OIG Excluded Providers		●											OEI
Administrative Law Judges' Decisions		●											OEI
Partial Hospitalization Services			●										OAS
Medicare Reimbursement for Outpatient Psychotherapy			●										OEI
Outpatient Rehab Facilities				●									OAS
Comprehensive Outpatient Rehab Facilities (CORF)				●			●	●	●	●	●		OAS
Vulnerable Medicare Beneficiaries				●									OEI

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ESRD = Appears in "End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)" section of Work Plan.

LAB = Appears in "Laboratories" section of Work Plan.

HOSP = Appears in "Hospitals" section of Work Plan.

OIG Work Plans:
Other Medicare Services

FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY
1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	

Other (continued)

Hyperbaric Oxygen Treatment				●									OEI
Beneficiaries Experience with Medigap Insurance					●	●	●						OEI
Outpatient Diabetes Self-Management Services					●								OAS
Rural Health Clinics				●	●		●						OEI
Payments to CMHCs that Withdrew from Medicare					●								OAS
Medicare Payments for Clinical Trials					●	●							OEI
Medicare Mental Health National Error Rate					●								OEI
Medicare Payments in Outpatient Settings						●							OEI
Hospice Payments and Plans of Care						●							OEI
Monitoring of Market Prices for Part B Drugs								●	B				OEI
Independent Diagnostic Testing Facilities							●	●	●	●			OAS
Intraocular Lens Reimbursement in Ambulatory Surgical Centers							●						OEI
Nail Debridement Services							●						OEI
Inpatient Rehabilitation Payments to SNFs, LTCHs, & IRFs							●						OEI
Ambulatory Surgical Center Payment Rates / System								●				●	OAS
Emergency Health Services for Undocumented Aliens									●	●	●	●	OAS
Follow-up on Medicare Part B Payments for Radiology Services									●	●			OAS
Preventative Care Services										●			OEI
Medicare Duplicate Claims											●		OAS
Unallowable Payments to Terminated Medicare Providers/Suppliers												★	OAS
Part B Therapy Payments for Home Health Beneficiaries												★	OAS
Part B Services in Nursing Homes: Mental Health and Psychotherapy												★	OEI

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