

Fraud, Waste, & Abuse: What's the Difference?

Fraud

When someone knowingly deceives, conceals, or misrepresents to obtain money or property from any health care benefit program.



Waste

Overusing services or other practices that directly or indirectly result in unnecessary costs to any health care benefit program.



Abuse

When health care providers or suppliers perform actions that directly or indirectly result in unnecessary costs to any health care benefit program.

