

# 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.

