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DOJ Adds Prosecutors Focused on Medicaid Enforcement

The Department of Justice is [adding 15 trial attorneys](#) to the Civil Division's Health Care Fraud Section to focus specifically on state Medicaid programs. The announcement was included in a press release describing a recent "Minnesota Health Care Fraud Takedown" involving allegations related to autism interventions, home-based therapy, housing stabilization services, and child care. DOJ cited these enforcement actions as evidence of insufficient state-based enforcement, necessitating a "whole-of-government" approach to Medicaid oversight. The press release described a strategy of "surging" prosecutors to various states for similar enforcement actions, including in Arizona, California, New York, Florida, and Texas, and the use of technology tools from the Section's Data Fusion Center to expedite investigation and prosecution.

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