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Dear Physician:

Fraud and abuse are critical issues facing our healthcare delivery system today. Both patients and physicians are victimized by fraud and abuse schemes, including identity theft. While the financial cost is significant and an enormous drain on public resources, fraud and abuse also impact quality of care, patient safety, and the security of provider practices.

September is “Healthcare Fraud Prevention and Awareness Month.” To help educate physicians and the broader provider community about fraud and abuse, the California Medical Association (CMA), the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) have collaborated to develop a series of educational sessions entitled “Understanding the Impact of Fraud and Abuse on Patient Care and Your Practice.” These sessions will include exciting and knowledgeable speakers from the top levels of Federal and State government and medical specialty societies. Sessions will last one to two hours and provide specific insights into ways you can help safeguard your patients and medical practice.

The five events are as follows:

September 1, 2011	Neuropsychiatric Institute Auditorium, UCLA, Los Angeles
September 8, 2011	Professional Services Building, UC Davis, Sacramento
September 14, 2011	UCSF Medical Educational Program Building, Fresno
September 22, 2011	Genomics Auditorium, UC Riverside, Riverside
September 27, 2011	Parnassus Room, UCSF Medical Center, San Francisco

Additional information on all sessions, including enrollment, can be obtained by sending an e-mail to [CaliforniaFraud@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:CaliforniaFraud@cms.hhs.gov). Seating is limited, so please check your calendar and sign up now for one or more of these not-to-be-missed opportunities. Join us in protecting patients, your practice, and yourself.

Sincerely,

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