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The Department of Justice's National Fraud Enforcement Division ("Fraud Division") administers the Fraud Whistleblower Incentive Program (WHIP) designed to fight and mitigate fraud through accelerated fraud detection.

WHIP rewards whistleblowers at a much earlier stage of a prosecution and does not require the matter to result in large fines or forfeiture.

By incentivizing actionable tips with earlier rewards, WHIP will uncover criminal conduct, strengthen investigations, help prevent losses, and enable the Department of Justice to effectively respond to both latent and emerging criminal fraud threats.

These early-stage rewards aim to encourage prompt disclosure of information by giving whistleblowers more certainty about the amount and timing of a possible reward payment, while still leaving whistleblowers eligible for potentially larger rewards should their tips ultimately lead to large financial penalties or forfeiture.

Basic Eligibility Criteria

- Participation must be voluntary.
- Truthful and complete original information must be provided in writing.
- Information must pertain to defined subject matter areas.

- Full cooperation is required.
- Information must be provided by individuals who did not actively participate in the fraud.
- Information must lead to criminal charges in the programmatic areas outlined.

Subject Matter Areas

Information must pertain to:

1. Federal health care offenses and related crimes involving health care benefit programs or fraud against patients or others in the health care industry; or
2. Fraud on programs or benefits administered by the Department of Agriculture (e.g., the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), the Department of Labor (e.g., unemployment fraud), the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Department of Education (e.g., student aid fraud), the Department of Veterans Affairs, the Department of War, or the Small Business Administration.

The Fraud Whistleblower Incentive Program places a particular emphasis on submissions involving the following subject matter areas:

- Hospice
- Home health care
- Day care
- Special services fraud

Comprehensive Rewards Program Information

- External Guidance Terms and Conditions
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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