



Office of Investigations

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Rx Drugs & Health Care Fraud

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Why OIG?

- **Directly Impacts Medicare, Medicaid, Indian Health Service and Private Insurance**
- **Physicians, Pharmacists and Other Providers**
 - **Medically unnecessary drugs**
 - **Tied to other fraud schemes (upcoding, Billing for Services not Rendered, other schemes)**

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- **The OIG-OI was created in 1976 as the principle investigative arm of the Department of Health and Human Services.**
- **The mission of OI is to improve HHS programs and operations and protect them against fraud, waste, and abuse. By conducting independent and objective investigations, we provide timely, useful, and reliable information and advice to Department officials, the Administration, the Congress and the public.**

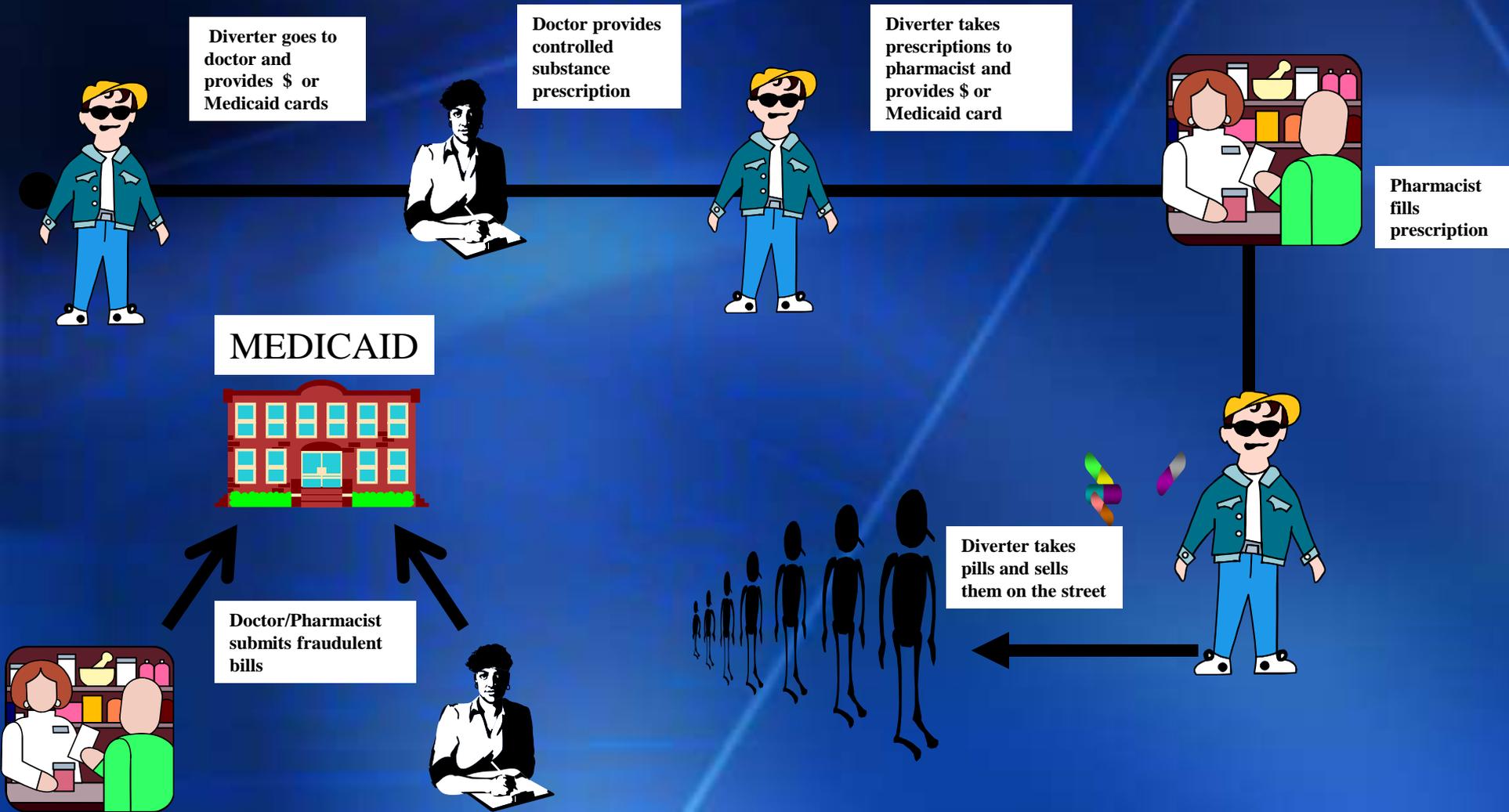
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- **HEALTH CARE**
 - Medicare Parts A, B, & C
 - Medicare Part D
 - Medicaid
- **CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT**
- **GRANT & CONTRACT FRAUD**
- **SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS**
- **EXCLUSIONS**

OIG's OBJECTIVE

- **To attack all levels of Prescription Drug Diversion, from the user and seller to the doctors, pharmacists and other health care professionals defrauding the Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance programs.**

DIVERSION SCHEME



Types of Fraud

- Recipient Fraud
- Doctor Fraud
- Pharmacy Fraud



Recipient Schemes

- **Forged Prescriptions**

Stolen, Rinsed, Xeroxed, Created

- **Doctor Shopping**

Visiting multiple providers simultaneously & receiving narcotic from each one

- **Other Schemes**

Impersonation, Faking injuries, etc.





DOCTOR SCHEMES:

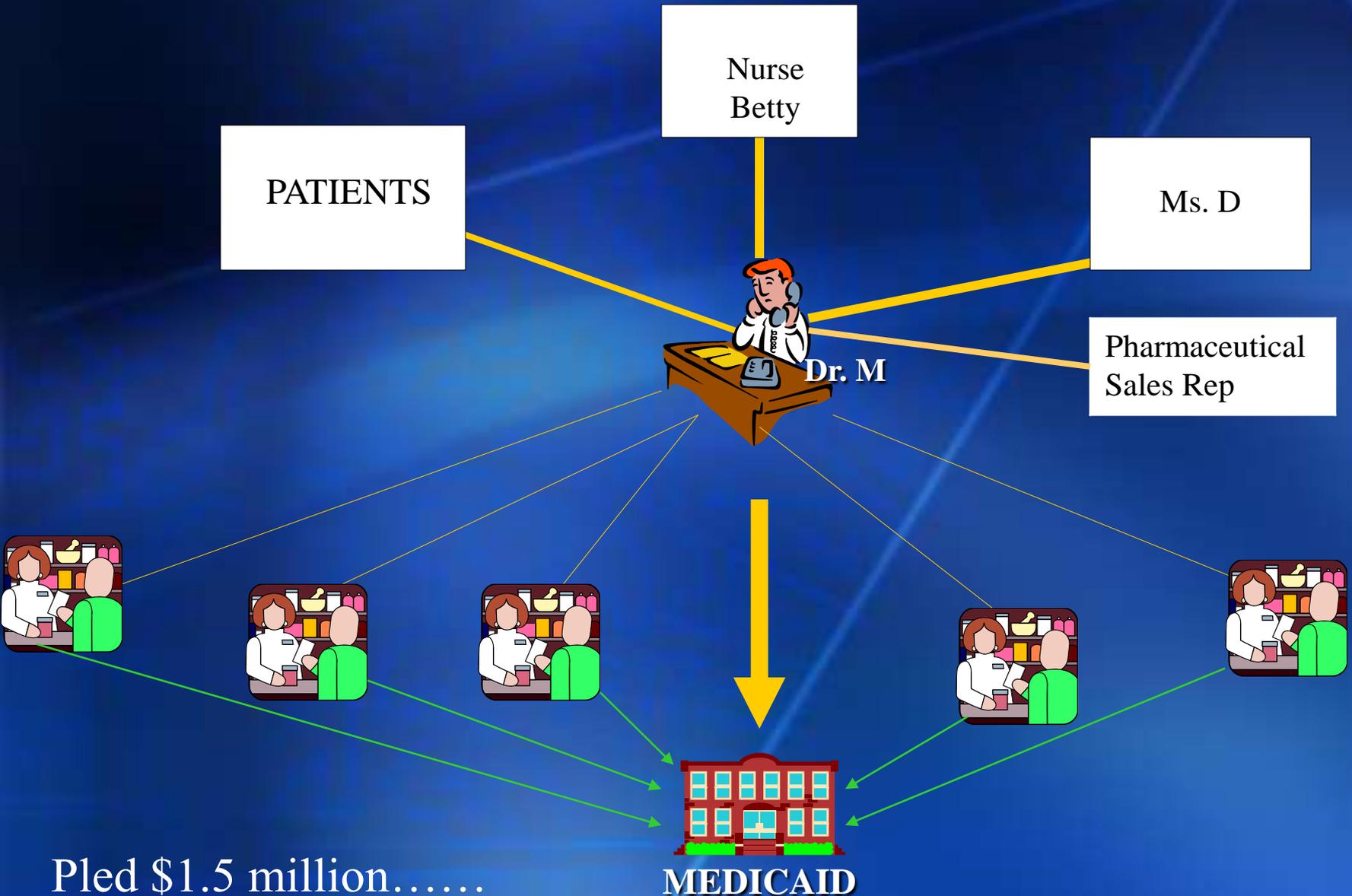
- False Claims/Billing for services not rendered
- Rx - Stop & Go
- Samples for \$ale (*self abuse*)



PHARMACY SCHEMES:

- Inflating dosages
- Buy backs
- False Claims
- Drug Shorting

COCKTAILS SCHEME



Useful Contacts

- **Pharmacy Security Personnel:**
- **Insurance Companies Special Investigations Units**
- **State Agencies:**
 - **Other Police Departments**
 - **Medicaid/Medicaid Investigators**
- **Federal Agencies:**
 - **DEA/Diversion Investigators**
 - **FBI**
 - **FDA/Office of Criminal Investigations**
 - **HHS/OIG**



Questions?