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The \$729 Million Swindle

Big Government has a nasty habit of handing out dollars to the undeserving and the ineligible. This, of course, allows officials to use up their budget, call the program a success, and sometimes ask for more taxpayer dollars the next year.

Here's one example. Nearly two years ago the HHS Office of Inspector General estimated that Medicare had paid more than \$729 million to hospitals and doctors that did not meet the requirements of the electronic health record program.

So far, the Medicare administration has only recovered \$2 million. The Administrator of Medicare says it doesn't have extra dollars for fraud and abuse. Therefore, it's likely you and I will have to settle for being swindled.

“HIMSS19: Grassley Presses CMS on Recovery of Improper EHR Incentive Payments,” David Lim, February 13, 2019:

<https://www.healthcarediver.com/news/himss19-grassley-presses-cms-on-recovery-of-improper-ehr-incentive-payment/548325/>

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