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**Medicare Advantage Fraud**

Medicare Advantage HMOs receive monthly per member/per month (PMPM) payments from the federal government. Six years ago, federal officials decided to audit these plans.

Five plans had overcharged a total of $128 million in 2007 alone. But five years after the audit, the feds agreed to accept just $3.4 million in repayment. Health plans kept $125 million in overpayments. How much more has been overpaid in the 10 years since 2007? Medicare has an unfunded liability of $43 trillion, but Congress depends on health plans to ration care, so stopping this fraud is unlikely.