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◆ In a new provider compliance audit,^[1] the HHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) said Visiting Nurse Association of Maryland (VNA) received overpayments of \$2.1 million in 2015 and 2016. OIG audited a stratified random sample of 100 claims and found errors on 19 of them. As a result, VNA received overpayments of \$25,295 for services provided in 2015 and 2016. “On the basis of our sample results, we estimated that VNA received overpayments of at least \$2.1 million for the audit period,” according to OIG, which noted all the claims are outside the reopening period. OIG said VNA billed for services provided to beneficiaries who weren’t homebound or delivered services that were inconsistent with the plan of care, among other errors. VNA disagreed with most of OIG’s findings. In a letter to OIG, the home health agency said, “VNA stands firm that it was providing covered services,” and “the error rate does not support extrapolation.”

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