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DOJ Will 'Embed' FBI Agents as It Ramps Up White-Collar Enforcement

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Citing a “crisis of confidence when it comes to the ability of the government to effectively monitor corporations and trust in corporations,” a Department of Justice (DOJ) official said it has pledged to crack down on white-collar crime, including health care fraud. DOJ will devote more resources to enforcement and continue to communicate its expectations for effective compliance programs.

“That has begun and we have started to redouble the department’s commitment to white-collar enforcement,” Deputy Associate Attorney General John Carlin said in an Oct. 5 speech at a conference sponsored by Global Investigations Review.^[1] For example, DOJ will embed a new squad of FBI agents in the criminal fraud section, a move he said “is a tried and trusted model and we’ve seen that it yields exponential results.” Other developments are coming, he said. Carlin alluded to “our policies affirming the need to hold individuals accountable for white-collar crime,” known as the Yates memo or Individual Accountability Policy, and “the weight we give to companies’ cooperation” during investigations of white-collar crime, according to a transcript of the speech.

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