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Twenty-five years after publishing its first compliance-program guidance, the HHS Office of Inspector General (OIG) said April 24 it has a two-stage strategy for modernizing its guidance, which is foundational to compliance programs.^[1]

Later this year, OIG will publish general compliance-program guidance for all sectors of the health care industry, Inspector General Christi Grimm said April 24 at the Health Care Compliance Association's Compliance Institute. It will address federal fraud and abuse laws, compliance program basics, running effective compliance programs and OIG processes and resources. Next year, OIG will publish industry-specific content for various types of providers and suppliers. Medicare managed care will be the subject of the first industry-specific compliance program guidance and nursing homes will be next, Grimm said. The new guidance will be web-based, freeing people from working off dense *Federal Register* pages. They will be "updated periodically to address newly identified risk areas and compliance measures and to ensure timely and meaningful guidance from OIG," according to the announcement.

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