Civil Monetary Penalties Law [42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7a]

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- presenting a claim that the person knows or should know is for an item or service that was not provided as claimed or is false or fraudulent;
- presenting a claim that the person knows or should know is for an item or service for which payment may not be made;
- violating the AKS;
- violating Medicare assignment provisions;
- violating the Medicare physician agreement;
- providing false or misleading information expected to influence a decision to discharge;
- failing to provide an adequate medical screening examination for patients who present to a hospital emergency department with an emergency medical condition or in labor; and
- making false statements or misrepresentations on applications or contracts to participate in the Federal health care programs.