

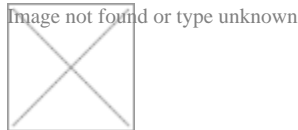
## Weekly Checkup



# Medicare and Medicaid Responsible for More than Half of All Federal Government Improper Payments

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Between January 2011 and May 2015, [less than \\$10 million](#) in Medicare Part D improper payments had been recovered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services—less than 0.14 percent of improper payments made during this time period. Over the last decade, approximately 4 percent of all federal government payments each year were improper, but 9.5 percent of all Medicare and Medicaid payments last year were improper. Medicare and Medicaid have accounted for half of all improper payments by the federal government over the last 11 years, and since 2009, these two programs have been responsible for at least 55 percent of all improper payments each year. In 2014, Medicare Fee-for-Service (Parts A & B) accounted for 37 percent of all improper payments by the federal government; Medicare Advantage (Part C): 10 percent; Medicare Part D: 2 percent; and Medicaid: 14 percent.



All data from: <https://paymentaccuracy.gov/high-priority-programs>