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**DOJ Increases Budget to Investigate
and Prosecute Healthcare Fraud Cases**

The Department of Justice (DOJ) recently announced that the Obama administration has requested \$29.2 billion for the Justice Department's national security and traditional law enforcement missions. The Department has stated a renewed focus on economic crime and financial fraud. The fiscal year (FY) 2011 budget request represents a 5.4 percent increase, including an increase of 2,880 positions over the prior year. The roughly \$2 billion increase will enhance many existing programs including the Department's "vigorous efforts to prevent, investigate and prosecute" health care fraud.

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