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Dr. Peter Budetti is Deputy Administrator for Program Integrity of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), US Department of Health and Human Services, and Director of the CMS Center for Program Integrity. He has principal responsibility for program integrity policies and operations in the Medicare and Medicaid Programs. Before joining CMS, Dr. Budetti worked in a number of health care positions in government and the private sector.

Dr. Budetti's previous government service includes six years as Counsel, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, U.S. House of Representatives, under the Chairmanship of Congressman Henry A. Waxman. He was also a member of the professional staff, Senate Finance Committee, under the Chairmanship of Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and was a core legislative drafter for President Bill Clinton's Health Security Act. In his academic life, he founded and directed health policy research centers and held tenured professorships at Northwestern University and The George Washington University, and was a member of the faculty of the Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies, University of California, San Francisco. Immediately before his appointment at CMS in February, 2010, Dr. Budetti had been the Edward E. and Helen T. Bartlett Foundation Professor of Public Health, Department of Health Administration and Policy, College of Public Health, University of Oklahoma, for over six years. During the 2009-2010 academic year he was on sabbatical, working with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners in Washington, D.C., on antifraud initiatives. Dr. Budetti was a member and long-time Chairman of the Board of Directors of Taxpayers Against Fraud (TAF), a nonprofit, public interest organization dedicated to combating fraud against the Federal Government.

Dr. Budetti's medical degree is from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons; law degree from Boalt Hall, University of California, Berkeley; and undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame. A board-certified pediatrician and member of the California Bar (inactive), he was elected to the National Academy of Social Insurance in 1996. He is married and has two grown children, a son- and daughter-in-law, four grandsons, three granddaughters, and one small dog.