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SUSAN LYNCH AND EMMET ONG DISCUSS SELF-DISCLOSURE OPTIONS WITH PART B NEWS

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Partners Susan Lynch and Emmet Ong recently spoke with Part B News about the DOJ's new healthcare self-disclosure policy and its new whistleblower rewards program.

In the article, Susan observes that some of the categories of information required by the new disclosure program are not really new.

“In the past, entities would say, ‘we found the problem and we plan to take these measures, but here they’re looking for measures taken.” Susan told Part B News.

Emmet noted that he sees some concern with "whistleblowers jumping the gun" in the new category.

"A well-developed whistleblower program will encourage [employees and management] to work through those issues and remediate problems," Emmet told Part B News. "Not everything is fraud — often these problems arise from reasonable disagreements about the application of, e.g., a billing protocol. You would hate to see a flood of false alarms that undermines what companies have already done in terms of setting up whistleblower programs at the behest of the government."

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