

Brown Holds Hearing on Combating and Preventing Medicare and Medicaid Fraud

WASHINGTON, DC—Today, U.S. Senator Scott Brown (R-MA) held a hearing called *"New Tools for Curbing Waste and Fraud in Medicare and Medicaid"*. As Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, Federal Services, and International Security, Senator Brown partnered with Chairman Tom Carper (D-DE) to assess the progress of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in implementing programs for combating and preventing fraud in America's two most important health care programs.

"It's outrageous that \$100 billion of taxpayer dollars spent on Medicare and Medicaid is being consumed by waste, fraud and abuse," Brown said after the hearing. "It's time that CMS put in place strong anti-fraud measures that ensure taxpayer dollars are actually being used to help senior citizens and other worthy recipients. We must tackle this problem now, and a failure to act immediately threatens the very existence of these important programs."