**Fraud**

"An intentional deception or misrepresentation made by a person with the knowledge that the deception could result in some unauthorized benefit to himself or some other person. It includes any act that constitutes fraud under applicable Federal or State law." (42 CFR § 455.2)

Elements of Fraud:

a. The act (evidence of wrongdoing).

b. Knowledge and intent (willfully intended to commit act - generally evidenced by a pattern of wrongdoing).

c. Benefit (some type of measurable benefit obtained from the act by the person committing the act).