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## Philip Sprinkle Comments on Stark Law Changes to *MedCity News*

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Philip Sprinkle spoke to *MedCity News* about newly finalized changes to the Stark Law, also known as the Physician Self-Referral Law. Initially enacted in 1989, the Stark Law prohibits physicians from referring patients to an entity for certain healthcare services if the physician has a financial relationship with the entity. The changes are aimed at clarifying any association between the Stark Law and the healthcare industry's growing value-based care model.

"The government has recognized the need to update the Stark regulations that were originally developed at a time when the unnecessary volume of services was of primary importance. The concepts of valueadded services, cost savings, systemic efficiencies and overall quality outcomes were just in their naissance," Sprinkle said.

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