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Case summaries

Indictments Unsealed on June 24, 2009

Below is a summary of the charges pending against the 53 individuals who have been indicted by a federal grand jury in the Eastern District of Michigan, in Detroit, for alleged health care fraud-related crimes. Maximum prison sentences for each charged offense can be found at the end of the document.

The 53 individuals include: (1) Daisy Martinez; (2) Lill Vargas-Arias; (3) Jose Rosario; (4) Toe Myint; (5) Arnaldo Rosario; (6) Terrence Hicks; (7) Wayne Smith; (8) Muhammad Al Mahdi; (9) Victor Dozier; (10) Louis Jackson; (11) John Saunders; (12) Dulce Briceno; (13) Brandi Jenson, M.D.; (14) Deirdre Teagan; (15) Ricky Hampton; (16) Rodney Woods; (17) Ronald Ford; (18) Darrell Brown; (19) Suresh Chand; (20) Jose Castro-Ramirez, M.D.; (21) Shafiulla Abdul Hanif; (22) Muhammad Azeem; (23) Jaquita Lovelace; (24) Syed Aziz; (25) Solomon Nathaniel; (26) Jay Jha; (27) Anupal Gayen; (28) Baskaran Thangarasan; (29) Sandeep Aggarwal; (30) Ernest Neal; (31) Robert Wynn; (32) Raymond Farrior; (33) James Harris; (34) Wayne Weamer; (35) Denisse Martinez; (36) Jose Rafael Martinez; (37) Alan Silber, M.D.; (38) William Reeves; (39) Dewey Jenkins; (40) Samuel Mott; (41) Larry Dickerson; (42) Caridad Guilarte; (43) Clara Guilarte; (44) Noel Freytes; (45) Miriam Freytes; (46) Reynel Betancourt; (47) Timothy Pierce; (48) Arturo Apolar; (49) Bernice Brown; (50) Daniel Smorynski; (51) Norris Moore, Jr.; (52) Steve Sherman; and (53) Willie Manning.

An indictment is merely an allegation and defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Sacred Hope Center Inc., (Sacred Hope) Southfield, Mich.

Daisy Martinez, 50, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$4.2 million in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services from approximately July 2006 to March 2007. The indictment alleges that Martinez was the owner of Sacred Hope. It further alleges that the injection, infusion and other treatments purportedly provided at the clinic were not medically necessary, and were not provided. Martinez was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, three counts of health care fraud, one count of conspiracy to launder money and six counts of money laundering.

Lill Vargas-Arias, 46, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$4.2 million in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services from approximately July 2006 to March 2007. The indictment alleges that Vargas-Arias was an administrator at Sacred Hope.

It further alleges that the injection, infusion and other treatments purportedly provided at the clinic were medically unnecessary, and were not provided. Vargas-Arias was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, three counts of health care fraud, one count of conspiracy to launder money and three counts of money laundering.

Jose Rosario, 52, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$4.2 million in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services from approximately July 2006 to March 2007. The indictment further alleges that Rosario caused the payment of kickbacks to Medicare beneficiaries in exchange for the patients signing documents at Sacred Hope stating they received injection and infusion therapy services that were medically unnecessary and were not provided. Rosario was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, one count of conspiracy to launder money and four counts of money laundering.

Toe Myint, M.D., 55, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$4.2 million in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services from approximately July 2006 to March 2007. The indictment further alleges that the injection, infusion and other treatments purportedly provided under Myint's care were not medically necessary, and were not in fact provided. Myint was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and three counts of health care fraud.

Arnaldo Rosario, 28, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$4.2 million in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services from approximately July 2006 to March 2007. The indictment further alleges Rosario directed that Medicare beneficiaries at Sacred Hope be paid kickbacks to induce them to represent that they received injection and infusion therapy services, when in fact the services were medically unnecessary and not provided. Rosario was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Terrence Hicks, 41, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$4.2 million in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services from approximately July 2006 to March 2007. The indictment further alleges Hicks paid kickbacks to Medicare beneficiaries at Sacred Hope to induce them to represent that they received injection and infusion therapy services, when in fact the services were medically unnecessary and not provided. Hicks was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Wayne Smith, 46, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$4.2 million in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services from approximately July 2006 to March 2007. The indictment further alleges Smith paid kickbacks to Medicare beneficiaries at Sacred Hope to induce them to represent that they received injection and infusion therapy services, when in fact the services were medically unnecessary and not provided. Smith was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Muhammad Al Mahdi, 62, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services. The indictment alleges that Al Mahdi is a Medicare beneficiary who solicited and received kickbacks for allowing the Medicare provider at Sacred Hope to bill his Medicare insurance for injection and infusion therapy services that were medically unnecessary and had not been provided. Al Mahdi was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Victor Dozier, 58, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services. The indictment alleges that Dozier is a Medicare beneficiary who solicited and received kickbacks for allowing the Medicare provider at Sacred Hope to bill his Medicare insurance for injection and infusion therapy services that were medically unnecessary and had not been provided. Dozier was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Louis Jackson, 47, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services. The indictment alleges that Jackson is a Medicare beneficiary who solicited and received kickbacks for allowing the Medicare provider at Sacred Hope to bill his Medicare insurance for injection and infusion therapy services that were medically unnecessary and had not been provided. Jackson was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

John Saunders, 70, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services. The indictment alleges that Saunders is a Medicare beneficiary who solicited and received kickbacks for allowing the Medicare provider at Sacred Hope to bill his Medicare insurance for injection and infusion therapy services that were medically unnecessary and had not been provided. Saunders was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Xpress Center Inc., (Xpress Center) Livonia, Mich.

Dulce Briceno, 56, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$2.3 million in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy from approximately October 2006 to March 2007. The indictment alleges that Briceno was the owner and operator of Xpress Center. It also alleges that the injection, infusion and other treatments purportedly provided at the clinic were medically unnecessary and were not provided. Briceno was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, five counts of health care fraud, one count of conspiracy to launder money, four counts of money laundering and one count of destroying records in order to impede a federal investigation.

Brandi Jenson, M.D., 53, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$2.3 million in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy from approximately October 2006 to March 2007. The indictment alleges that Jenson ordered unnecessary tests, signed medical analysis and diagnosis forms, and authorized treatments to make it appear that injection and infusion therapy services purportedly provided at Xpress Center were medically necessary and actually provided, when in fact they were not. Jenson was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and five counts of health care fraud.

Deirdre Teagan aka Diedre Teagan, 51, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$2.3 million in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy from approximately October 2006 to March 2007. The indictment alleges that Teagan ordered unnecessary tests, signed medical analysis and diagnosis forms, and authorized treatments to make it appear injection and infusion therapy services purportedly provided at Xpress Center were medically necessary and actually provided, when in fact they were not. Teagan was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, five counts of health care fraud and one count of destroying records to impede a federal investigation.

Ricky Hampton, 53, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services. The indictment alleges that Hampton is

a Medicare beneficiary who solicited and received kickbacks for allowing Xpress Center to bill his Medicare insurance for injection and infusion therapy services that were medically unnecessary and had not been provided. Hampton was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Rodney Woods, 58, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services. The indictment alleges that Woods is a Medicare beneficiary who solicited and received kickbacks for allowing Xpress Center to bill his Medicare insurance for injection and infusion therapy services that were medically unnecessary and had not been provided. Woods was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Ronald Ford, 57, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services. The indictment alleges that Ford is a Medicare beneficiary who solicited and received kickbacks for allowing Xpress Center to bill his Medicare insurance for injection and infusion therapy services that were medically unnecessary and had not been provided. Ford was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Darrell Brown, 56, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services. The indictment alleges that Brown is a Medicare beneficiary who solicited and received kickbacks for allowing Xpress Center to bill his Medicare insurance for injection and infusion therapy services that were medically unnecessary and had not been provided. Brown was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Manage Care Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Services, P.C. (Manage Care), Lincoln Park, Mich.; S.U.B. Rehabilitation & Physical Therapy Center Inc. (SUB) Dearborn, Mich.; and TriStar Rehab Services Inc. (TriStar), Center Line, Mich.

Suresh Chand, 44, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$18.3 million in false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy services from approximately January 2003 to March 2007. The indictment alleges that Chand owned and controlled Continental Rehab Services Inc. (CRS), and Pacific Management Services Inc. (PM), two contract therapy companies. Chand and alleged co-conspirators, Muhammad Azeem and Shafiulla Hanif, billed Medicare for therapy services purportedly provided by CRS and PM through three Medicare providers they controlled: Manage Care; SUB; and TriStar. The indictment alleges that the therapy claims were medically unnecessary and were not provided. Additionally, the indictment alleges that Chand conspired with others to launder the proceeds of the alleged fraud. Chand was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, 11 counts of health care fraud and one count of conspiracy to launder money.

Jose Castro-Ramirez, M.D., 60, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$18.3 million in false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy services from approximately January 2003 to March 2007. The indictment alleges that Dr. Castro-Ramirez submitted claims to Medicare for home visits purportedly provided to Medicare beneficiaries allegedly in need of physical therapy, occupational therapy and other services when such visits were never conducted. Dr. Castro-Ramirez allegedly signed prescriptions and other documents certifying the need for therapy services for patients he did not exam. The therapy claims were billed to Medicare through Manage Care, SUB and TriStar. The indictment alleges that the therapy claims were medically unnecessary and were not provided. Additionally, the indictment alleges that Dr. Castro-Ramirez conspired with

others to launder the proceeds of the fraud. Dr. Castro-Ramirez was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, 11 counts of health care fraud, and one count of conspiracy to launder money.

Shafiulla Hanif, 38, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$18.3 million in false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy services from approximately January 2003 to March 2007. The indictment alleges that Hanif owned and controlled Hands-On Rehab Services Inc. (HOR) and M&M Management Inc. (M&M), two contract therapy companies both operating out of his home located in Brownstown, Mich. Hanif and alleged co-conspirators, Muhammad Azeem and Suresh Chand, billed Medicare for therapy services purportedly provided by HOR and M&M through three Medicare providers they controlled when such services were never provided. Those providers were Manage Care, SUB and TriStar. The indictment further alleges that these therapy claims were medically unnecessary and were not provided. Additionally, the indictment alleges that Hanif conspired with others to launder the proceeds of the fraud. Hanif was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, 11 counts of health care fraud and one count of conspiracy to launder money.

Muhammad Azeem, 43, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$18.3 million in false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy services from approximately January 2003 to March 2007. The indictment alleges that Azeem owned Medicare provider Manage Care Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Services, P.C., (MCPT) in Lincoln Park, Mich. Azeem and alleged co-conspirators, Suresh Chand and Shafiulla Hanif, billed Medicare for therapy services purportedly provided by other contract therapy companies through three Medicare providers they controlled, including MCPT. The other two providers were SUB and TriStar. The indictment further alleges that these therapy claims were medically unnecessary and were not provided. Additionally, the indictment alleges that Azeem conspired with others to launder the proceeds of the fraud. Azeem was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, 11 counts of health care fraud and one count of conspiracy to launder money.

Jaquita Lovelace, 29, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy services. The indictment alleges that Lovelace was a registered occupational therapist who was employed by CRS and PM, two contract therapy companies controlled by Suresh Chand. It further alleges that Lovelace signed therapy notes and other records for CRS and PM making it appear therapy services were provided when, in fact, they had not been provided. The alleged false claims were billed to Medicare by Manage Care, SUB and TriStar. Lovelace was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and one count of health care fraud.

Syed Aziz, 47, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy services. The indictment alleges that Aziz was a registered physical therapist who was employed by CRS and PM, two contract therapy companies controlled by Suresh Chand. The indictment alleges that Aziz signed therapy notes and other records for CRS and PM making it appear therapy services were provided when, in fact, they had not been provided. The alleged false claims were billed to Medicare by Manage Care, SUB and TriStar. Aziz was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and one count of health care fraud.

Solomon Nathaniel, 51, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy services. The indictment alleges that Nathaniel was a registered physical therapist who was employed by CRS and PM, two

contract therapy companies controlled by Suresh Chand. The indictment alleges that Nathaniel signed therapy notes and other records for CRS and PM making it appear therapy services were provided when, in fact, they had not been provided. The alleged false claims were billed to Medicare by Manage Care, SUB and TriStar. Nathaniel was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and three counts of health care fraud.

Jay Jha, 44, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy services. The indictment alleges that Jha was a registered physical therapist who was employed by CRS and PM, two contract therapy companies controlled by Suresh Chand. The indictment alleges that Jha signed therapy notes and other records for CRS and PM making it appear therapy services were provided when, in fact, they had not been provided. The alleged false claims were billed to Medicare by Manage Care, SUB and TriStar. Jha was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and two counts of health care fraud.

Anupal Gayen, 43, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy services. The indictment alleges that Gayen was a registered occupational therapist who was employed by HOR and M&M, two contract therapy companies controlled by Shafiulla Hanif. The indictment alleges that Gayen signed therapy notes and other records for HOR and M&M making it appear therapy services were provided when, in fact, they had not been provided. The alleged false claims were billed to Medicare by Manage Care, SUB and TriStar. Gayen was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and one count of health care fraud.

Baskaran Thangarasan, 36, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy services. The indictment alleges that Thangarasan was a registered physical therapist who was employed by HOR and M&M, two contract therapy companies controlled by Shafiulla Hanif. It further alleges that Thangarasan signed therapy notes and other records for HOR and M&M making it appear therapy services were provided when, in fact, they had not been provided. The alleged false claims were billed to Medicare by Manage Care, SUB and TriStar. Thangarasan was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and three counts of health care fraud.

Sandeep Aggarwal, 38, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy services. The indictment alleges that Aggarwal was an employee of CRS, a contract therapy company controlled by Suresh Chand. It further alleges that in his position at CRS, Aggarwal fabricated medical and billing documentation that falsely stated patient beneficiaries received specific therapeutic treatments when, in fact, the patients had not received the treatments reflected in those documents. The alleged false claims were billed to Medicare by Manage Care, SUB and TriStar. Additionally, the indictment alleges that Aggarwal conspired with others to launder the proceeds of the fraud. Aggarwal was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and one count of conspiracy to launder money.

Ernest Neal, 53, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy services. The indictment alleges that Neal is a Medicare beneficiary who solicited and received kickbacks for allowing Medicare providers Manage Care, SUB and TriStar to bill his Medicare insurance for physical and occupational therapy services that were medically unnecessary and had not been provided. Neal was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Robert Wynn, 61, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy services. The indictment alleges that Wynn is a Medicare beneficiary who solicited and received kickbacks for allowing Medicare providers Manage Care, SUB and TriStar to bill his Medicare insurance for physical and occupational therapy services that were medically unnecessary and had not been provided. Wynn was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Raymond Farrior, 65, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy services. The indictment alleges that Farrior is a Medicare beneficiary who solicited and received kickbacks for allowing Medicare providers Manage Care, SUB and TriStar to bill his Medicare insurance for physical and occupational therapy services that were medically unnecessary and had not been provided. Farrior was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

James Harris, 53, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy services. The indictment alleges that Harris is a Medicare beneficiary who solicited and received kickbacks for allowing Medicare providers Manage Care, SUB and TriStar to bill his Medicare insurance for physical and occupational therapy services that were medically unnecessary and had not been provided. Harris was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Wayne Weamer, 50, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy services. The indictment alleges that Weamer is a Medicare beneficiary who solicited and received kickbacks for allowing Medicare providers Manage Care, SUB and TriStar to bill his Medicare insurance for physical and occupational therapy services that were medically unnecessary and had not been provided. Weamer was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

RDM Centers, Inc., (RDM), Canton, Mich.

Denisse Martinez, 27, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$970,316 in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services from approximately September 2006 to March 2007. The indictment alleges that Martinez ordered a co-conspirator to order unnecessary tests, make entries in medical records and authorize treatments to make it appear that legitimate medical services, including infusion and injection therapies, were being provided to patients who were Medicare beneficiaries at RDM. It further alleges that the injection, infusion and other treatments were medically unnecessary and were not provided. Martinez was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, six counts of health care fraud, one count of conspiracy to launder money and three counts of money laundering.

Jose Rafael Martinez, 33, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$970,316 in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services from approximately September 2006 to March 2007. The indictment alleges that Martinez was the president and registered agent of RDM. It further alleges that the injection, infusion and other treatments purportedly provided were medically unnecessary and were not provided. Martinez was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, six counts of health care fraud, one count of conspiracy to launder money and five counts of money laundering.

Alan Silber, M.D., 47, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$970,316 in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services from

approximately September 2006 to March 2007. The indictment alleges that Dr. Silber ordered tests, made entries in medical records and authorized treatments for beneficiaries at RDM without regard to medical necessity. It further alleges that the injection, infusion and other treatments purportedly provided were not medically necessary and were not provided. Dr. Silber was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and six counts of health care fraud.

William Reeves, 54, was indicted for was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$970,316 in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services from approximately September 2006 to March 2007. The indictment alleges that Reeves paid patient beneficiaries cash kickbacks of approximately \$50 per visit in return for the patients signing medical documents and reimbursement forms at RDM. Reeves was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Dewey Jenkins, 68, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services. The indictment alleges that Jenkins is a Medicare beneficiary who solicited and received kickbacks for allowing Medicare provider RDM to bill his Medicare insurance for injection and infusion therapy services that were medically unnecessary and had not been provided. Jenkins was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Samuel Mott, 68, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services. The indictment alleges that Mott is a Medicare beneficiary who solicited and received kickbacks for allowing Medicare provider RDM to bill his Medicare insurance for injection and infusion therapy services that were medically unnecessary and had not been provided. Mott was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Larry Dickerson, 62, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services. The indictment alleges that Dickerson is a Medicare beneficiary who solicited and received kickbacks for allowing Medicare provider RDM to bill his Medicare insurance for injection and infusion therapy services that were medically unnecessary and had not been provided. Dickerson was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Dearborn Medical Rehabilitation Center, (Dearborn Medical), Dearborn, Mich.

Caridad Guilarte, 52, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$9.1 million in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services from approximately November 2005 to March 2007. The indictment alleges that Guilarte was an owner and operator of Dearborn Medical. It further alleges that the injection, infusion and other treatments purportedly provided at the clinic were medically unnecessary and were not provided. Guilarte was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, four counts of health care fraud, one count of conspiracy to launder money and six counts of money laundering.

Clara Guilarte, 54, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$9.1 million in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services from approximately November 2005 to March 2007. The indictment alleges that Guilarte was an operator for Dearborn Medical. It further alleges that the injection, infusion and other treatments purportedly provided at the clinic were medically unnecessary and were not provided. Guilarte was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud,

four counts of health care fraud, one count of conspiracy to launder money and six counts of money laundering.

Noel Freytes, 33, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$9.1 million in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services from approximately November 2005 to March 2007. The indictment alleges Noel Freytes paid kickbacks to Medicare beneficiaries at Dearborn Medical to induce them to represent that they received injection and infusion therapy services, when in fact the services were medically unnecessary and not provided. Noel Freytes was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, one count of conspiracy to launder money and two counts of money laundering.

Miriam Freytes, 48, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$9.1 million in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services from approximately November 2005 to March 2007. The indictment alleges that the injection and infusion therapy services purportedly provided at Dearborn Medical were medically unnecessary and not provided. Miriam Freytes was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and four counts of health care fraud.

Reynel Betancourt, 49, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$9.1 million in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services from approximately November 2005 to March 2007. It further alleges Betancourt paid kickbacks to Medicare beneficiaries at Dearborn Medical to induce them to represent that they received injection and infusion therapy services, when in fact the services were medically unnecessary and not provided. Betancourt was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and two counts of money laundering.

Timothy Pierce, 42, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$9.1 million in false claims to Medicare for injection and infusion therapy services from approximately November 2005 to March 2007. The indictment alleges Pierce paid kickbacks to Medicare beneficiaries at Dearborn Medical to induce them to represent that they received injection and infusion therapy services, when in fact the services were medically unnecessary and not provided. Pierce was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

AR Group Services Inc., (AR) Livonia, Mich.

Arturo Apolinar, 55, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$121,000 in false claims to Medicare for services and medications that were not medically necessary and were not provided. The indictment alleges that Apolinar was an owner and operator of AR. Apolinar was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud, three counts of health care fraud, and one count of aggravated identify theft.

Wayne County Therapeutic Inc., (WCT), Livonia, Mich.

Bernice Brown, 55, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$21.2 million in false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy services from approximately October 2002 to April 2007. The indictment alleges that Brown was the owner and operator of WCT. The indictment alleges that Brown, through WCT, contracted with companies, such as Universal Rehab Services Inc. These contract companies supplied WCT with therapy files that purported to document physical and occupational therapy sessions to Medicare beneficiaries, which allegedly never occurred. Brown then allegedly directed and paid WCT's licensed therapists to co-sign the files for each purported therapy

visit, in order to bill the claims to Medicare and to make it appear that the services were directly supervised by WCT's therapists, when in fact they were not. Brown was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and six counts of health care fraud.

Daniel Smorynski, 61, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit approximately \$21.2 million in false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy services from approximately October 2002 to April 2007. The indictment alleges that Smorynski was an employee of WCT. The indictment alleges that Smorynski, through WCT and alleged co-conspirator Bernice Brown, contracted with companies, such as Universal Rehab Services Inc. These contract companies supplied WCT with therapy files that purported to document physical and occupational therapy sessions to Medicare beneficiaries, which allegedly never occurred. Smorynski then allegedly directed and paid WCT's licensed therapists to co-sign the files for each purported therapy visit, in order to bill the claims to Medicare and to make it appear that the services were directly supervised by WCT's therapists, when in fact they were not. Smorynski was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and six counts of health care fraud.

Norris Moore, Jr., 57, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy. The indictment alleges that Moore Jr., is a Medicare beneficiary who agreed to accept kickbacks and bribes in exchange for signing documentation submitted by WCT indicating that he had received physical and occupational therapy services, when in fact such services were never provided. Moore Jr., was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Steve Sherman, 61, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy. The indictment alleges that Sherman is a Medicare beneficiary who agreed to accept kickbacks and bribes in exchange for signing documentation submitted by WCT indicating that he had received physical and occupational therapy services, when in fact such services were never provided. Sherman was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Willie Manning, 53, was indicted for allegedly conspiring to submit false claims to Medicare for physical and occupational therapy. The indictment alleges that Manning is a Medicare beneficiary who agreed to accept kickbacks and bribes in exchange for signing documentation submitted by WCT indicating that he had received physical and occupational therapy services, when in fact such services were never provided. Manning was charged with one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud.

Maximum Prison Sentences Per Count:

Health care fraud: 10 years
Conspiracy to launder money: 20 years
Money laundering (18 USC 1956): 20 years
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Destroying records: 20 years
Aggravated Id theft: Two years