

Healthcare Fraud Settlement Showcases Government's Additional Focus on COVID-19-Related Fraud

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The Department of Justice ("DOJ") last month announced a new blockbuster settlement agreement under the False Claims Act, 31 U.S.C. § 3729 *et seq* ("FCA"), involving alleged violations of the Stark law and other efforts to defraud federal and state healthcare programs. The agreement also resolved the government's allegations that the defendants—having allegedly engaged in healthcare fraud—further violated the FCA by obtaining a loan through the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP" or "Program") while certifying they were not engaged in illegal activities. Although this settlement appears principally to address allegations of healthcare fraud, the resolution of FCA claims involving alleged PPP fraud highlights the government's efforts to root out those who attempt to defraud COVID-19 relief programs.

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