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MAN SENTENCED IN HEALTH CARE FRAUD SCAM

PRESS RELEASE

Timothy M. Morrison, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that OSMAN ABDALLA, 41, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 8 months imprisonment by U.S. District Judge John Daniel Tinder following his guilty plea to health care fraud. This case was the result of a investigation by the Health and Human Services Inspector General and the Indiana Attorney General Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

ABDALLA ran a medical transportation business, as an authorized Medicaid provider, transporting individuals to and from their health care appointments. Medicaid pays double the amount to transport someone in a wheelchair as it does to transport somebody who can walk on their own. ABDALLA billed Medicaid for transporting patients who could walk as if they were in wheelchairs, thus obtaining essentially double the reimbursement to which he was entitled, for a total loss to the Medicaid program of \$64,618.78.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Winfield D. Ong, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Tinder also imposed 3 years supervised release following ABDALLA's release from imprisonment. ABDALLA was ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$64,618.78. ABDALLA is a Sudanese national and will be deported following completion of his prison term. His case was closely related to the case against Sideig Ahmed, another individual indicted for an identical scheme in Indianapolis, who is currently a fugitive.

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