

Indianapolis Health Care Provider Repays USPS for False Claims

An Indianapolis healthcare provider, specializing in physical therapy, reached a settlement with an Indiana U.S. Attorney's Office on July 25, 2006, to resolve false claim allegations. The provider agreed to pay \$188,115 to the U.S. Government, \$20,000 of which related to overpayments that the Department of Labor, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) made to the provider on behalf of injured postal employees. The investigation included consensual communications and undercover operations in which U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General (USPS OIG) Special Agents posed as patients. The USPS OIG determined that since 1998, OWCP paid the company more than \$250,000 for services to postal employees.