

fraud and conspiracy to commit health care fraud. In addition, Suleidy Cano, an All Med employee, was sentenced to 132 months in prison for aggravated identity theft and conspiracy to commit health care fraud. The Diazes were ordered to pay \$125,762,489 in joint and several restitution and forfeit various pieces of real estate. All Med submitted claims to Medicare on behalf of suppliers who purportedly provided DME to Medicare beneficiaries. These claims were for equipment that had not been ordered by physicians or delivered to the beneficiaries as claimed. All Med facilitated the fraudulent billings by assisting in the concealment of the true owners of the DME companies, forging prescriptions, forging certificates of medical necessity, improperly acquiring the identities of Medicare beneficiaries, and directing the DME companies to use certain billing codes.

## Hospice

■ **Alabama** – SouthernCare, Inc. (SCI); SouthernCare Holdings, Inc.; SouthernCare Carry, LLC; and Michael Parly agreed to pay the United States \$24.7 million and enter into a 5-year CIA to resolve their FCA liability for allegedly submitting false claims to Medicare. Operating in locations in 15 States, SCI allegedly submitted claims for treating patients who did not meet Medicare’s hospice eligibility criteria. This settlement resolved allegations in two qui tam lawsuits filed by former SCI employees.

## Clinics

■ **California** – Goar “Gina” Alibalian, the owner and operator of a medical clinic, was ordered to pay \$4,676,647 in restitution and was sentenced to 72 months of incarceration following her guilty plea to health care fraud. The clinic paid a kickback to every patient or marketer bringing a patient into the clinic, billed for patients who never came to the clinic, and created patient files with falsified notes to support the fraudulent claims.

■ **Connecticut** – Carlson Therapy Network, P.C. (Carlson), a network of 20 physical therapy clinics in Connecticut and Rhode Island, agreed to pay \$1,886,834 and enter into a 5-year CIA to resolve its FCA liability. The Government alleged that from October 2002 through December 2005, Carlson submitted false or fraudulent claims for individual, one-on-one physical therapy services when, in fact, group physical therapy services were provided.

■ **Georgia** – Fernando, Michael, and Ricardo Visbal, owners of Savannah Medical Services Inc. (SMS), were ordered to serve prison terms of 47, 20, and 6 months, respectively, and pay a total of \$423,596 in restitution for their involvement in an infusion fraud scheme. SMS billed Medicare for infusion therapy and gamma globulin that were not provided to patients. The investigation also revealed that SMS paid patients to receive treatment at the facility.