

Ten Additional Defendants Charged in \$100 Million TRICARE Fraud Scheme



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The following is a brief summary taken from the Department of Justice press release. The full press release can be found here: <https://www.justice.gov/usao-ndtx/pr/ten-additional-defendants-charged-100-million-tricare-fraud-scheme>

Summary:

DALLAS — Special agents with Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), with the support of the Defense Health Agency's Program Integrity Office, arrested nine defendants this week in connection with their roles in a \$100 million health care fraud conspiracy perpetrated against TRICARE's pharmacy benefit. A tenth defendant surrendered to the FBI. The defendants, including doctors, pharmacy owners, and marketers were charged in a 35-count superseding indictment returned last week in Dallas and unsealed this afternoon, announced U.S. Attorney John Parker of the Northern District of Texas.

"The indictments and arrests in this investigation highlight another step forward by DCIS and its law enforcement partners to protect the integrity of the Department of Defense (DoD) health care program known as TRICARE," said Special Agent in Charge Janice M. Flores, of the DCIS Southwest Field Office. "Fraud and abuse by pharmacies and medical providers that bill for compounded prescriptions and/or medications is a significant threat to the DoD health care system. With DoD's limited resources and budgets, DCIS must continue to aggressively investigate fraud, waste and abuse to preserve and recover precious taxpayer dollars..."

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