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The Dept. of Justice filed charges against 91 individuals for alleged participation in Medicare billing fraud schemes that amounted to more than \$429 million.



MASSDEVICE ON CALL — A coordinated Dept. of Justice effort with operations in 7 cities filed charges against 91 healthcare workers accused of falsely billing Medicare for a collective total surpassing \$429 million, one of the largest take-downs in agency history.

The allegations include \$230 million in home healthcare fraud, more than \$100 million in mental healthcare fraud, more than \$49 million in ambulance transportation fraud and millions more in other frauds, according to a DoJ press release.

"Today's enforcement actions reveal an alarming and unacceptable trend of individuals attempting to exploit federal health care programs to steal billions in taxpayer dollars for personal gain," Attorney General Holder said in prepared remarks. "Such activities not only siphon precious taxpayer resources, drive up healthcare costs, and jeopardize the strength of the Medicare program - they also disproportionately victimize the most vulnerable members of society, including elderly, disabled and impoverished Americans."

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