



**FIVE INDIVIDUALS PLEAD GUILTY TO HEALTH INSURANCE
FRAUD SCHEME, SENTENCED TO PRISON, ORDERED TO PAY
\$62,836 RESTITUTION**

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Case Number: CA-17-0109-HL-O

Web Summary: OIG-WS-2020-337

Five individuals who worked for Empire Care Dental at various California locations, including one dentist, one dental hygienist, and three office managers pleaded guilty to Health Insurance Fraud and to Practicing Dentistry Without a License. Our investigation disclosed that representatives of Empire Care Dental offered \$50 - \$100 payments to Amtrak employees if they used their services. In addition, our investigation found that Empire Care Dental submitted false claims for procedures more expensive than the ones performed and that the dentist practiced dentistry without a license. The five individuals were sentenced to 2-3 months in prison and ordered to pay joint restitution in the amount of \$62,836.