



**MEDICAL DOCTOR SENTENCED IN HEALTH CARE FRAUD
SCHEME**

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Case Number: CA-18-0355-O

Web Summary: OIG-WS-2021-355

Phong Hung Tran, a licensed physician and surgeon in the state of California, was sentenced in United States District Court, Southern District of California, on September 13, 2021, to time served, two years' probation and 12 months of home confinement for conspiracy to commit honest services mail fraud and health care fraud.

Our investigation found that Tran and other doctors arranged for and accepted kickback payments from suppliers of health care services and products. The kickback scheme involved the referral of prescriptions for medically unnecessary compounded drugs and other items that were reimbursed by health care benefit programs. As a result of the scheme, Amtrak's insurance providers were fraudulently charged approximately \$22,000. Criminal judicial proceedings for other defendants in this case are pending.