

## FLORIDA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT HEALTH CARE FRAUD AND WIRE FRAUD Activity Date: April 21, 2022 Date Posted: September 13, 2022 Case Number: IL-18-0196-O Web Summary: OIG-WS-2022-336

Nestor Rojas, a resident of Miami, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, to one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and wire fraud on April 21, 2022. Our investigation found that Rojas conspired with others to unlawfully bill for approximately \$1.4 billion of laboratory testing services which were medically unnecessary and fraudulently used rural hospitals as billing shells to submit claims for services that mostly were performed at outside laboratories. As a result of this scheme, Amtrak's health care plans paid out more than \$610,000 to three rural hospitals and associated laboratories. Rojas will be sentenced at a future date. Criminal judicial proceedings for additional co-conspirators are pending.