



TWO MEDICAL PROVIDERS EXCLUDED FROM FEDERAL HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS

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New York based health care providers Muhammad Mirza, a medical doctor, and Punson Figueroa, an acupuncturist, were excluded June 19, 2025, from participating in federal health care programs by the Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General (HHS OIG). The two providers previously pleaded guilty for their participation in an Amtrak-OIG investigated health care fraud conspiracy in which they conspired with dozens of Amtrak employees to use the employees' health insurance information to file fraudulent claims. In exchange, the two providers paid cash kickbacks to the employees.

Mirza was sentenced on May 10, 2024, to 26 months in prison and ordered to pay restitution of \$1.37 million, and Figueroa was sentenced on September 26, 2024, to 34 months in prison and ordered to pay restitution of \$9.05 million. Both Mirza and Figueroa were excluded from participating in federal health care programs for 25 and 30 years, respectively.