**Report clinical laboratory fraud for a whistleblower reward**

Whistleblower rewards are available for reporting lab fraud under the Department of Justice Medicare fraud whistleblower reward program. Clinical lab fraud schemes have been carried out by lab companies that provide blood tests, urine tests, or drug tests. This article shows you how to detect and report Medicare lab fraud and apply for a reward. If you are ready to report clinical lab fraud, click on this link:

<http://www.howtoreportfraud.com/report-fraud/fraud-questionnaire/>

The Medicare and Medicaid programs only pays for lab tests and services that are “reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of illness or injury.” See 42 U.S.C. § 1395y(a)(1)(A). Clinical laboratories defraud Medicare and Medicaid in several ways.

**Lab test panel fraud**

Labs sometimes cheat Medicare by conducting and billing for multiple tests (often referred to as test panels), when only one of the tests within the panel was really needed. In other words, when only one test is needed the lab checks the blood or urine for many different conditions. A doctor can order one test or can choose from various panels of tests on the same blood or urine sample. It is usually cheaper per test to do the full panel. But the full panel costs considerable more than just one test. Therefore, doctors should only order a single test if just one test is needed and a full panel of testing if multiple tests are needed.

The labs often fool a doctor into ordering a full panel of tests by using confusing forms, when the doctor misses the fine print which hides that a full panel is being ordered instead of the one test needed. Other times, a lab might bribe a doctor into routinely

**Lab unbundling fraud**

Labs also cheat Medicare or Medicaid by “unbundling.” This is when the lab or the doctor ordering the lab tests bills separately for components of a related group of procedures or tests. In other words, even though a full panel of tests was or should have been ordered, the doctor either orders them separately at the higher rate or bills the full panel tests individually so that they can bill more than the cost of the less expensive panel of tests.

**Other lab fraud**

Labs also have other Medicare fraud schemes, such as double billing for the same tests or billing for tests not actually done. In addition, if a doctor has ownership interest in the lab, it violates the Stark statute, which is an improper self-referral similar to paying kickbacks for selecting a company.

**Contact Mr. Hesch to review your whistleblower lab case**

Mr. Hesch would be pleased to review in complete confidence your allegations of Medicare lab fraud. He will determine in strict confidence if he believes you have a case where a significant reward is possible and can discuss the risks and rewards with you before you decide to report Medicare lab fraud. Just click this link to fill out a form to reach Mr. Hesch:

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You can also read at the following link his extensive experience as an attorney working for the Civil Fraud Section of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) in the whistleblower reward office.

<http://www.howtoreportfraud.com/about-us/representative-cases/>

Not only did Mr. Hesch work for more than 15 years in the Washington, D.C. DOJ office that pays nation-wide whistleblower rewards, but for the past 10 years he has represented clients, including doctors, nurses, auditors, managers and many other types of employees report their company for committing Medicare fraud.

Disclaimer: This article is for information only and should not be viewed as legal advice. Each case is unique and you should speak to an experienced whistleblower reward attorney about your situation.

Find out if Mr. Hesch (and the team of attorneys that works with him) is the right whistleblower reward firm for you in reporting Medicare lab fraud.