MEDICAL MARKETER SENTENCED TO 10 MONTHS IN PRISON IN HEALTH CARE FRAUD SCHEME

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Jean Francois Picard, a medical marketer based in Los Angeles, was sentenced in United States District Court, Southern District of California, on June 14, 2021, to 10 months in prison and three years of probation for payment of illegal remunerations. Our investigation found that Picard paid kickbacks to other marketers for facilitating the referral of prescriptions for medically unnecessary compounded drugs and other items 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.