MEDICAL MARKETER SENTENCED TO 5 YEARS PROBATION IN HEALTH CARE FRAUD SCHEME

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Jonathan Lasko, a resident of Hollywood, Florida, pleaded guilty in the Circuit Court of the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit for Palm Beach County on June 15, 2021, to charges related to a health care fraud scheme. Lasko, who owned addiction treatment facilities in Florida and California, engaged in a scheme where he paid kickbacks to marketers, also known as "patient brokers," for the referral of patients to his facilities. Lasko pleaded guilty to First Degree Felony Organized Scheme to Defraud and was sentenced to five years of probation. He admitted to defrauding insurance companies, including Amtrak's insurance administrator, Aetna, in an aggregate amount exceeding \$50,000.

Criminal judicial proceedings for other defendants in this case are pending.