

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
HAMMOND DIVISION

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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)

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V.)

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FELICIA BLOUNT and CHARLOTTE)

HUNTER)

Case No.

18 U.S.C § 1347

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INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

INTRODUCTION

At times material to this indictment:

1. Medicaid was a joint federal-state program administered by the states under federal guidance. The Indiana Medicaid Program provided medical care to eligible individuals, including disabled and indigent families with dependent children.

2. Indiana Medicaid required individuals and businesses seeking to provide services through Indiana Medicaid to enroll in the program as providers.

3. Enrolled providers had to abide by the rules and regulations, policies and procedures governing reimbursement for the services they supplied to Medicaid recipients.

4. Providers who enrolled in the Indiana Medicaid program could only submit claims for medically and reasonably necessary services that are covered and actually rendered to Medicaid recipients under the program.

12. Felicia Blount along with Charlotte Hunter did the Medicaid billing for LHHT.

COUNTS 1 THROUGH NINETEEN
(Health Care Fraud Scheme)

13. From approximately January 2013 continuing through to in or about January 2016, in the Northern District of Indiana, the defendants,

FELICIA BLOUNT and CHARLOTTE HUNTER,

in connection with the delivery of and payment for health care related services to seventeen Indiana Medicaid beneficiaries, did knowingly and willfully execute a scheme and artifice to defraud the Indiana Medicaid program and to obtain, by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, and representations, over one hundred thousand dollars under the custody and control of Indiana Medicaid.

MANNER AND MEANS BY WHICH THE SCHEME OPERATED

14. It was part of the health care fraud scheme that Felicia Blount and Charlotte Hunter routinely submitted claims for payment on behalf of LHHT that inflated the mileage by approximately 100 miles a trip for medical transportation provided to Indiana Medicaid beneficiaries traveling between Northwest Indiana and Indianapolis.

15. It was further part of the health care fraud scheme that Felicia Blount and Charlotte Hunter submitted claims for mileage payment on behalf of LHHT for services not actually rendered.

9	SJ	4013179015825	06/28/2013	\$435.05
10	EL	4015328019006	11/24/2015	\$481.25
11	VM	4013206038406	07/25/2013	\$429.40
12	KM	4014184060577	07/03/2014	\$475.00
13	DR	4016028065263	01/28/2016	\$481.25
14	PR	4014357081778	12/23/2014	\$481.25
15	SS	4015230093544	08/18/2015	\$481.25
16	TW	4014119086128	04/29/14	\$475.00
17	CW	4015156013614	06/05/2015	\$481.25
18	KH	4015156013469	06/05/2015	\$481.25
19	CJ	4014119114812	04/29/2014	\$481.25

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1347.

All pursuant to 18 United State Code, Section 982(a)(7) and 28 United States Code, Section 2461(c).

A TRUE BILL

/s/ FOREPERSON
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