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**PRESS RELEASE**

Defendants: Paramjit Singh  
LKA: 227 Franklin Street  
Hackettstown, New Jersey

Parminderjeet Sandhu  
174 Naughtright Road  
Long Valley, New Jersey

The above defendants admitted their roles in a health care fraud conspiracy between August 2014, and October 2017 and pleaded guilty on Tuesday, before U.S. District Judge Peter Sheridan in Trenton Federal Court. The men were charged with conspiracy to commit health care fraud in a scheme carried out at Sandhu's medical office. Sandhu owned and operated Medical Care Associates, and Urgent Care facility with locations in Hackettstown, Washington, and Roxbury, NJ. Sandhu billed Medicare and private health care insurance companies \$2,211,975 for medical services fraudulently claimed to have been carried out by a licensed medical practitioner, when they were actually being carried out by Singh, who was barred from being a doctor in 2004.

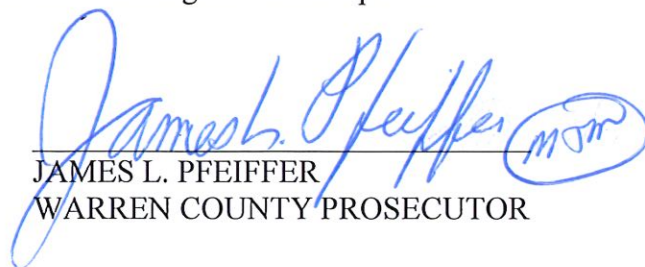
The U.S. Attorney's Office said, "In reality, those services were actually performed by Singh, whom Sandhu had hired to treat patients, despite knowing that Singh had lost his license to practice medicine anywhere in the United States. Sandhu issued prescriptions – including prescriptions for opioids – in Sandhu's name for patients seen by Singh, even though Sandhu never met with the patients himself. As a result of the conspiracy, Sandhu's medical practice was paid \$1,162,253 for treatment fraudulently provided by Singh."

"Dr. Sandhu defrauded Medicare and private insurers – and, worse, put his patients at risk – by allowing those patients to be treated by Singh, a man who had lost his medical license," U.S. Attorney Carpenito said. "Our office continues to work tirelessly to protect the integrity of federal healthcare programs and to make sure that patients do not suffer unnecessary harm from unscrupulous healthcare providers like these two defendants."

Defendants are to be sentenced in April to 18 months in federal prison. Both defendants have agreed to pay restitution of \$1,162,253, in which Sandhu will pay \$829,561, and Singh will pay \$332,692

The investigation was conducted by the Warren County Prosecutors Office, FBI Newark Office, Hackettstown Police Department, Roxbury Police Department, and the Washington Township Police Department (Warren County).

Approved by:

  
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