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# United States of America v. Carlos Reyes-Pescador, MD and AllCare Physicians Group

**T**he National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association is proud to recognize the **United States of America v. Carlos Reyes-Pescador, MD and AllCare Physicians Group** investigation teams with this year's **SIRIS® Investigation of the Year Award - Honorable Mention**.

The investigation into a Texas non-contracted provider AllCare Physicians Group (AllCare) and Carlos Reyes-Pescador, MD began in January 2018 upon Humana's Fraud, Research, Analytics, & Concepts Team identifying a sudden, large spike in billing for G0299 (direct skilled nursing services of RN in home health or hospice service) when AllCare was previously billing CPT 99350 (E&M home visit, established patient). The claims listed Dr. Reyes-Pescador as the rendering provider for all claims which led to a determination of impossible days.

Interviews confirmed that Humana members had no knowledge of AllCare or Dr. Pescador. Instead, the members had received services from other licensed home health agencies. Members also identified services billed by AllCare which were never rendered. Humana's SIU learned AllCare had created side arrangements with several home health agencies to pay them directly while AllCare controlled the claims.

Humana entered a SIRIS Provider Case and then collaborated with counterparts at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas, Optum, and UnitedHealthcare to compare notes about the several businesses, in addition to AllCare, that were created by Pescador and behaving in the same manner.

HHS-OIG agent Darius Hamberlin notified Humana of the conclusion of the government investigation. Humana reached a settlement agreement with AllCare in August 2020, which stipulated a restitution payment schedule of \$5,750,000.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO

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