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# United States of America v. Trivikram Reddy

**T**he National Health Care Anti-Fraud Association is proud to recognize the **United States of America v. Trivikram Reddy** investigation and prosecution teams with this year's **SIRIS® Investigation of the Year Award**.

Trivikram Reddy, a citizen of India and legal permanent resident of the United States, owned and operated three pain management clinics in Waxahachie, Texas, all with the same physical address. In order for Reddy to operate these clinics and practice as a nurse practitioner in Texas, he was required to enter into at least one collaborative agreement with a licensed physician, along with satisfying requirements imposed by the Texas Medical Board and government-sponsored programs. Reddy entered into six of these agreements with licensed physicians, but he never worked for or with these physicians even though he prominently posted their names on the external windows and doors and on the interior walls of his clinics. Through these three pain management clinics and this business model, Reddy committed a \$120 million health care fraud scheme.

Between July 2019 and May 2021, collaboration across multiple insurers and law enforcement agencies uncovered the true scope of Reddy's scheme. NHCAA SIRIS entries resulted in insurers contacting each other to mitigate the risk, conduct on-site inspections and interviews, and provide critical information and testimony in direct support of law enforcement's successful investigation and prosecution of Reddy.

Reddy fraudulently billed more than \$120 million in claims to Medicare and private insurers by creating false medical records for services that were not rendered and by using the physicians' NPI numbers to obtain higher reimbursements. After learning he was under investigation, Reddy wired more than \$58 million generated from his scheme to a bank account in India.

In October 2020, Reddy pleaded guilty to committing wire fraud. In May 2021, Reddy was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment and ordered to pay more than \$58 million in restitution. Collaboration continues between the United States and India to recover the stolen funds currently frozen in Indian bank accounts.



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