

Health Law Alert: Minnesota's United States Attorney Seeking Additional Resources to Investigate and Prosecute Health Care Fraud in Minnesota

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In remarks made at a reception held at Gray Plant Mooty on June 19th, Minnesota's United States Attorney, Andrew Luger, made clear his office's renewed commitment to investigating and prosecuting health care fraud in Minnesota. Luger said that he has established a Minnesota health care fraud task force similar to his office's Minnesota Financial Crimes Task Force, which has proven highly effective in investigating and prosecuting financial crimes in Minnesota since Luger's confirmation in February 2014. Luger also confirmed that he has requested, and is likely to receive, significant additional assistance from the Federal Bureau of Investigation to support the health care fraud task force.

Luger's focus on investigating and prosecuting health care fraud in Minnesota advances one of the Department of Justice's key initiatives, which is to stop Medicare fraud. The DOJ initiative has led to significant recent enforcement activity, including a nationwide takedown by the Medicare Fraud Strike Force operations in six cities, resulting in charges against 90 individuals, including 27 doctors, nurses and other medical professionals, for their alleged participation in Medicare fraud schemes involving approximately \$260 million in false billings.

Chad Blumenfield, Assistant United States Attorney in Mr. Luger's office, will be discussing issues related to health care fraud enforcement in Minnesota at Gray Plant Mooty's 18th annual Health Law Seminar, to be held July 17th at the Depot in Minneapolis. For more information, [click here](#).