

HEALTH CARE FRAUD LAWS

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Health Care Fraud Conspiracy

18 U.S.C. §1349

This law makes it illegal for two or more people to agree to a scheme or plan to commit some form of health care fraud. The plan does not have to be successful for someone to be convicted of this crime. All the government must prove is that there was an agreement to do something that violates the health care fraud laws. A person convicted of a health care fraud **conspiracy** faces up to 10 years in prison.

“This defendant conspired with others to steal millions in federal funding intended to provide health care to those in need. Our office will continue to bring those who abuse and misuse taxpayer funds to justice.”

-U.S. Attorney Michael Easley

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/greensboro-resident-sentenced-conspiring-defraud-north-carolina-medicaid-system>

What do those words mean?

Conspiracy: a secret plan by two or more people to do something illegal or harmful.