

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 stole millions intended to provide healthcare to low-income families. We will continue to investigate and prosecute those that mastermind these unconscionable schemes to misuse taxpayer funds meant to help those in need.”

-U.S. Attorney Michael Easley

<https://www.justice.gov/usao-ednc/pr/cary-man-sentenced-more-12-years-role-medicaid-fraud-scheme>

What do those words mean?

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