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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

March 2015 Grand Jury 15 CR 1572 CAB

Case No.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

PAUL ROBINSON (1), LEVON TOVMASSIAN (2), HASMIK SENEKERIMYAN (3), NAZAR MURADYAN (4),

Defendants.

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INDICTMENT

Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 371 Conspiracy; Title 18, U.S.C.,
Sec. 1347 - Health Care Fraud;
Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 2 - Aiding
and Abetting; Title 18, U.S.C.,
Sec. 1516 - Obstruction of Federal
Audit; Title 18, U.S.C.,
Sec. 1001 - False Statement;
Title 18, U.S.C., Sec. 1518 Obstructing a Health Care Crime
Investigation; Title 18, U.S.C.,
Sec. 982(a)(7) - Criminal
Forfeiture

The Grand Jury charges:

INTRODUCTORY ALLEGATIONS

At all times pertinent to this Indictment:

THE DEFENDANTS AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS

1. Defendant PAUL ROBINSON ("ROBINSON") was a physician licensed by the State of California Medical Board. ROBINSON acted as the nominee owner of the El Centro Medical Clinic, located at 485 Broadway Street, Suites C and D, in El Centro, California CPT:nlv:Imperial 6/12/15

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Defendant HASMIK SENEKERIMYAN ("SENEKERIMYAN"), a resident North Hollywood, California, was hired as the Clinic's "administrator of allergy tests." SENEKERIMYAN completed allergy test order forms for tests she allegedly conducted at the El Centro Clinic that were billed to Medicare under Defendant ROBINSON's billing number.

Clinic. Defendant TOVMASSIAN saw and treated patients at the Clinic,

holding himself out as a PA -- despite not having a license from the

State of California to practice as a PA - and ordered tests that were

eventually billed to Medicare under Defendant ROBINSON's billing

- Defendant NAZAR MURADYAN ("MURADYAN") is the husband of 4. SENEKERIMYAN. MURADYAN claimed he drove SENEKERIMYAN from their home in North Hollywood, California, to the El Centro Clinic several times a week for SENEKERIMYAN to administer allergy tests.
- Co-conspirator "A.T." assisted in operating the El Centro Clinic and coordinating the Clinic's illegal marketing activities.

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- 2. Defendant LEVON TOVMASSIAN ("TOVMASSIAN") was hired pose - falsely - as a Physician's Assistant ("PA") at the El Centro Clinic. Defendant TOVMASSIAN saw and treated patients at the Clinic, holding himself out as a PA -- despite not having a license from the State of California to practice as a PA - and ordered tests that were eventually billed to Medicare under Defendant ROBINSON's billing number.
- Defendant HASMIK SENEKERIMYAN ("SENEKERIMYAN"), a resident hired as Clinic's California, was the Hollywood, "administrator of allergy tests." SENEKERIMYAN completed allergy test order forms for tests she allegedly conducted at the El Centro Clinic that were billed to Medicare under Defendant ROBINSON's billing number.
- Defendant NAZAR MURADYAN ("MURADYAN") is the husband of 4. SENEKERIMYAN. MURADYAN claimed he drove SENEKERIMYAN from their home in North Hollywood, California, to the El Centro Clinic several times a week for SENEKERIMYAN to administer allergy tests.
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- 6. Co-conspirator Gevorg "George" Kupelian (charged elsewhere) opened the El Centro Clinic and was its organizer and leader. He leased the premises, and recruited "cappers" to bring Medicare beneficiaries to the Clinic. Defendant ROBINSON paid Kupelian a large portion of the Medicare reimbursements ROBINSON received via checks to Kupelian's company, "J.J. Reliable Management," out of which Kupelian, in turn, paid TOVMASSIAN, SENEKERIMYAN, MURADYAN, A.T., and others.
- Reina Aviles (charged elsewhere), "R.I.R." and "M.M." were 7. medical marketers hired by KUPELIAN and A.T. to illegally recruit and compensate Medicare beneficiaries for visiting the El Centro Clinic.

THE MEDICARE PROGRAM

- The Medicare Program ("Medicare") is a federal health care 8. benefit program, affecting commerce that provides benefits to individuals who are over the age of 65 or disabled. Medicare is a "health care benefit program" as defined by Title 18, United States Code, Section 24(b) and a "Federal health care program," as defined by Title 42, United States Code, Section 1320a-7b(f).
- Individuals who qualify for Medicare benefits are referred to as Medicare "beneficiaries." Medicare provides each beneficiary with a unique health identification card number.
- 10. Entities, health care service professionals, and physicians who provide medical services to Medicare beneficiaries are known as Medicare "providers." To become eligible to participate in Medicare, to submit an application, including a required providers are "certification" page, in which the provider agrees to comply with all provider's Medicare-related rules. Medicare approves Once application, Medicare assigns the provider a PTAN. A PTAN is

required for Medicare to reimburse payments of Medicare claims. Payments under Medicare are termed "reimbursements." Medicare generally pays reimbursements directly to providers, rather than to the beneficiaries. Medicare typically reimburses the provider for 80% of the claim, while the remaining 20%, known as the "co-payment," can be covered by secondary insurance or paid directly by the patient.

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- submit beneficiary claims Medicare Providers to 11. Typically, the provider prepares a "superbill" electronically. summarizing the various services provided to a beneficiary, along with the appropriate diagnoses. The superbill is submitted to a billing service, which in turn enters the data on the superbill and transmits it to Medicare. When submitting a claim, the provider is required to certify, among other things, that the contents of the claim are true, correct, and complete, and that the claim is prepared in compliance with the laws and regulations governing Medicare.
- 12. Medicare reimburses a provider only for services that are actually performed and that are deemed "medically necessary." Medicare defines medically necessary as proper and needed for diagnosis or treatment of a medical condition, and the treatment must meet the requirements of good medical practice in the local medical community.
- 13. Medicare publishes rules regarding medical services and tests called Local Coverage Determinations ("LCDs"). LCDs provide guidance on when a particular test is appropriate and reimbursable. Medicare dictates that certain tests, including allergy tests, require a physician to be present during the testing.
- 14. Medicare contracts with private companies to process and analyze Medicare data, refer suspected fraud to law enforcement,

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conduct audits of billing records on its behalf, and ensure program Medicare sections California into different zones and integrity. contracts third-party companies to audit Medicare claims. Southern California is located in Zone 1. Medicare contracts with SafeGuard Services as the Zone Program Integrity Contractor ("ZPIC") for Zone 1.

Count 1

CONSPIRACY (18 U.S.C. § 371)

[ROBINSON, TOVMASSIAN, SENEKERIMYAN, & MURADYAN]

- Paragraphs 1 through 14 of the Introductory Allegations of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference.
- Beginning on a date unknown and continuing up to including at least March 10, 2015, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendants PAUL ROBINSON, LEVON TOVMASSIAN, HASMIK SENEKERIMYAN, and NAZAR MURADYAN, together with COconspirators Gevorg Kupelian, Reina Aviles, A.T., R.I.R., M.M., and others, with the intent to violate the laws of the United States, did knowingly and intentionally conspire to commit the following offenses against the United States:
- To knowingly and willfully execute a material scheme to defraud a health care benefit program (i.e. Medicare), and to obtain, false and fraudulent pretenses, materially means by of representations, promises, and omissions and concealments of material facts, money and property owned by, and under the custody and control of, Medicare, in connection with the delivery of and payment for health care benefits, items, and services, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1347; and,
- To knowingly and willfully offer and pay remuneration b. to a person to induce such person to refer an individual to a person

for the furnishing and arranging for the furnishing of an item and service for which payment may be made in whole and in part under a Federal health care program, in violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1320a-7b(b)(2)(A).

PURPOSE OF THE CONSPIRACY

17. It was the purpose of the conspiracy for the defendants and their co-conspirators to unlawfully enrich themselves by, among other things, submitting and causing the submission of false and fraudulent claims to Medicare.

MANNER AND MEANS OF THE CONSPIRACY

- 18. The co-conspirators sought to accomplish the objects of the conspiracy using the following manner and means:
- a. Kupelian and A.T. enlisted co-conspirators Aviles, R.I.R., M.M., and others to recruit Medicare beneficiaries in Imperial County, California, to visit the El Centro Clinic. Kupelian and A.T. instructed AVILES to recruit Medicare patients, provided her with funding for her recruitment operations, and paid her for her efforts. She, in turn, paid the other recruiters.
- b. Defendants ROBINSON and TOVMASSIAN, together with co-conspirators Kupelian, A.T., and others, operated the El Centro Clinic in a manner designed to maximize Medicare reimbursements without regard to the medical needs of its patients, including falsifying progress reports to justify tests billed to Medicare.
- c. Defendants ROBINSON and TOVMASSIAN, together with coconspirators Kupelian and A.T., staffed the Clinic, either by being personally present or arranging for others to be, in order to give the impression to the recruited Medicare beneficiaries and outside observers that the beneficiaries were being seen by qualified medical

professionals. In fact, the majority of recruited beneficiaries would never actually see a doctor or other qualified medical professional during any visit to the El Centro Clinic, but instead were examined by TOVMASSIAN, who, as TOVMASSIAN and ROBINSON knew, was seeing patients without any supervision or oversight by ROBINSON.

- d. Defendant SENEKERIMYAN and co-conspirator Kupelian provided, or caused to be provided, to the El Centro Clinic items that gave the appearance that allergy tests were performed at the Clinic. In fact, no allergy tests were administered at the Clinic.
- e. Defendants SENEKERIMYAN and co-conspirator Kupelian produced, or caused to be produced, false and fabricated allergy test order forms, results, and progress notes which would be inserted into patient files at the El Centro Clinic, for the primary purpose of generating bills to Medicare.
- f. Defendants ROBINSON and TOVMASSIAN, together with coconspirators Kupelian and A.T., caused tests to be performed on
 recruited Medicare beneficiaries without regard to their medical
 necessity, including breathing tests, urine tests, electrocardiograms ("EKGs"), and ultrasounds. The co-conspirators caused
 these tests to be administered for the primary purpose of generating
 bills to Medicare.
- g. Defendants ROBINSON, TOVMASSIAN, and SENEKERIMYAN together with co-conspirators Kupelian and A.T., caused Medicare to be billed for allergy tests that were never performed on patients, for the primary purpose of generating bills to Medicare.
- h. Defendants ROBINSON, TOVMASSIAN, and SENEKERIMYAN, together with co-conspirators Kupelian and A.T., inserted, or caused to be inserted, false test results into patient files to make it

appear that tests had been done and results were contemporaneously generated, when in fact they had not.

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- i. Defendants ROBINSON, TOVMASSIAN, and SENEKERIMYAN, together with co-conspirators Kupelian and A.T., knowingly and intentionally caused fraudulent bills to be submitted to Medicare for tests performed or supposedly performed on the recruited Medicare beneficiaries. The bills were fraudulent for one or more of the following reasons:
- i. Office visits or "evaluation and management" billed even though physician services were no ever saw the beneficiary, in contravention of Medicare rules;
- ii. Tests were billed when no physician recommended the test as medically necessary, in violation of Medicare rules;
- iii. Tests were billed when no test was ever performed;
 and,
- iv. Tests were billed when the co-conspirators knew that there was no medical justification for the tests, and under circumstances in which they knew Medicare would prohibit reimbursement for the tests.
- j. When ZPIC selected El Centro Clinic for an audit, to make the records appear as if a physician had delivered services as represented in the bills to Medicare, defendant ROBINSON signed each of the patient records before they were submitted to ZPIC, although he had not done so when the records were generated, had not examined the patients, had not supervised patient exams or tests, and had not determined that the tests were medically necessary.
- k. In response to the ZPIC audit, to make the records appear as if ultrasound tests had been reviewed by a radiologist as

required by Medicare regulations, co-conspirator Kupelian sent ultrasound test printouts to be reviewed by a radiologist and submitted the results to ZPIC, although those tests had never previously been reviewed, in some cases had been performed up to a year earlier, and the results were not provided to patients. To appear to further validate these test results, Defendant ROBINSON signed the ultrasound results that were submitted to ZPIC.

- 1. Defendants SENEKERIMYAN and MURADYAN, together with co-conspirator Kupelian and others, gave the impression that MURADYAN drove SENEKERIMYAN from their home in North Hollywood to the El Centro Clinic, two to three times per week, for SENEKERIMYAN to administer allergy tests, all in exchange for funds from Kupelian.
- m. Defendants SENEKERIMYAN and MURADYAN made false statements to HHS-OIG Agent A. Bubb, knowing that their statements would obstruct, mislead, and delay the communication of information relating to the investigation of Federal health care offenses occurring at the El Centro clinic and by the co-conspirators.
- n. Kuplian paid co-conspirators with funds from his "J.J.'s Reliable Management" bank account that were transferred from Defendant ROBINSON's bank account and originated from Medicare reimbursements.
- 19. To further this conspiracy and scheme to defraud, from September 2012 through January 2014, the co-conspirators submitted or caused to be submitted reimbursement claims to Medicare totaling approximately \$2.7 million under ROBINSON's PTAN, for which Medicare reimbursed Defendant ROBINSON approximately \$1.3 million, out of which he paid Kupelian, who in turn paid TOVMASSIAN, SENEKERIMYAN, MURADYAN, A.T., Aviles, and others for their involvement.

OVERT ACTS

- 20. In furtherance of the conspiracy and to effect and accomplish the objects thereof, the following overt acts, among others, were committed within the Southern District of California, and elsewhere:
- a. On about June 1, 2012, ROBINSON signed an application for a Medicare provider number for the El Centro Clinic, certifying that, among other things: he would abide by the Medicare laws, regulations and program instructions; he would not knowingly present or cause to be presented a false or fraudulent claim for payment; he would not submit claims with deliberate ignorance or reckless disregard of their truth or falsity; and he was the individual practitioner who was applying for Medicare billing privileges.
- b. On about September 7, 2012, TOVMASSIAN falsified the progress report for Medicare beneficiary HG, to reflect that HG was experiencing the symptoms "cough, wheezy", so that TOVMASSIAN could order an allergy test for the beneficiary.
- c. On about September 14, 2012, TOVMASSIAN falsified the progress report for Medicare beneficiary GV, to reflect that GV was experiencing the symptoms "cough, sneezy", so that TOVMASSIAN could order an allergy test for the beneficiary.
- d. On about September 19, 2012, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$910 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for services purportedly rendered to Medicare beneficiary EV, including office visit, EKG, ultrasounds, breathing test, and blood draw, although those services were not rendered in a fashion that met Medicare's requirements or were not rendered at all.

- f. On about September 21, 2012, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$1,160 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for services purportedly rendered to Medicare beneficiary GV, including office visit, EKG, and ultrasounds, although those services were not rendered in a fashion that met Medicare's requirements or were not rendered at all.
- g. On about October 3, 2012, ROBINSON wrote a check for \$5,542 out of Medicare proceeds generated by the conspiracy to J.J. Reliable Management to compensate his co-conspirators for their roles in the conspiracy to defraud Medicare.
- h. On about October 8, 2012, ROBINSON signed a superbill directing that Medicare be billed for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary MC that was never administered to MC.
- i. On about October 8, 2012, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$480 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary MC that was never administered to MC.
- j. On about October 12, 2012, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$760 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary HG that was never administered to HG.

- k. On about October 19, 2012, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$760 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary GV that was never administered to GV.
- 1. On about October 19, 2012, ROBINSON signed a superbill directing that Medicare be billed for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary RG that was never administered to RG.
- m. On about October 19, 2012, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$760 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary RG that was never administered to RG.
- n. On about October 26, 2012, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$1,260 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for services purportedly rendered to Medicare beneficiary SW, including office visit, EKG, ultrasounds, and breathing test, although those services were not rendered in a fashion that met Medicare's requirements or were not rendered at all.
- o. On about October 26, 2012, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$1,260 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for services purportedly rendered to Medicare beneficiary JA, including office visit, EKG, ultrasounds, and urination test, although those services were not rendered in a fashion that met Medicare's requirements or were not rendered at all.
- p. On about November 2, 2012, ROBINSON wrote a check for \$5,140.00 out of Medicare proceeds generated by the conspiracy to J.J. Reliable Management to compensate his co-conspirators for their roles in the conspiracy to defraud Medicare.

- q. On about November 30, 2012, ROBINSON signed a superbill directing that Medicare be billed for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary CC that was never administered to CC.
- r. On about November 30, 2012, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$760 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary CC that was never administered to CC.
- s. On about December 4, 2012, ROBINSON wrote a check for \$13,523 out of Medicare proceeds generated by the conspiracy to J.J. Reliable Management to compensate his co-conspirators for their roles in the conspiracy to defraud Medicare.
- t. On about December 18, 2012, J.J. Reliable Management provided MURADYAN with a \$1,000.00 check as payment for giving the impression that he drove SENEKERIMYAN from North Hollywood to the El Centro Clinic in order to administer allergy tests to Medicare beneficiaries.
- u. On about December 26, 2012, J.J. Reliable Management provided TOVMASSIAN with a \$500.00 check as payment for TOVMASSIAN's work as an unlicensed PA illegally examining Medicare beneficiaries and prescribing medically unnecessary tests for those beneficiaries.
- v. On about December 26, 2012, J.J. Reliable Management provided SENEKERIMYAN with a \$900.00 check as payment for providing allergy testing materials, giving the impression that she traveled from North Hollywood to the El Centro Clinic to administer allergy tests to Medicare beneficiaries, and producing false and fraudulent documents giving the impression that allergy tests were performed on those beneficiaries.

x. On about December 28, 2012, ROBINSON wrote a check for \$5,555 out of Medicare proceeds generated by the conspiracy to J.J. Reliable Management to compensate his co-conspirators for their roles in the conspiracy to defraud Medicare.

y. On about December 29, 2012, J.J. Reliable Management provided MURADYAN with a \$1,000.00 check as payment for giving the impression that he drove SENEKERIMYAN from North Hollywood to the El Centro Clinic in order to administer allergy tests to Medicare beneficiaries.

z. On about January 4, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$910 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for services purportedly rendered to Medicare beneficiary GV, including office visit, EKG, and ultrasounds, although those services were not rendered in a fashion that met Medicare's requirements or were not rendered at all.

aa. On about January 10, 2013, TOVMASSIAN falsified the progress report for Medicare beneficiary EC, to reflect that EC was experiencing the symptoms "cough, sneezy," and recommended an allergy test for the beneficiary.

bb. On about January 10, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$1,210 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for services purportedly rendered to Medicare beneficiary AI, including

office visit, EKG, ultrasounds, and breathing test, although those services were not rendered in a fashion that met Medicare's requirements or were not rendered at all.

cc. On about January 15, 2013, ROBINSON signed a superbill directing that Medicare be billed for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary JA that was never administered to JA.

dd. On about January 15, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$480 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary JA that was never administered to JA.

ee. On about January 23, 2013, TOVMASSIAN falsified the progress report for Medicare beneficiary GC, to reflect that GC was experiencing the symptoms "cough, sneezy," and recommended an allergy test for the beneficiary.

ff. On about February 5, 2013, ROBINSON wrote a check for \$7,247 out of Medicare proceeds generated by the conspiracy to J.J. Reliable Management to compensate his co-conspirators for their roles in the conspiracy to defraud Medicare.

gg. On about February 5, 2013, J.J. Reliable Management provided TOVMASSIAN with a \$500 check as payment for TOVMASSIAN's work as an unlicensed PA illegally examining Medicare beneficiaries and prescribing medically unnecessary tests for those beneficiaries.

hh. On about February 11, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$760 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary AI that was never administered to AI.

ii. On about February 11, 2013, ROBINSON signed a superbill directing that Medicare be billed for an allergy test for Medicare

beneficiary EC, recommended by TOVMASSIAN, which was never administered to EC.

jj. On about February 11, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$720 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary EC that was never administered to EC.

kk. On about February 11, 2013, ROBINSON signed a superbill directing that Medicare be billed for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary GC, recommended by TOVMASSIAN, which was never administered to GC.

11. On about February 11, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$480 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary GC that was never administered to GC.

mm. On about February 12, 2013, J.J. Reliable Management provided Aviles with a \$1,000 check as payment for Aviles's work illegally recruiting Medicare beneficiaries to the El Centro Clinic.

nn. On about March 4, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$1,030 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for services purportedly rendered to Medicare beneficiary HG, including office visit, EKG, ultrasounds, and a urination test, although those services were not rendered in a fashion that met Medicare's requirements or were not rendered at all.

oo. On about March 4, 2013, ROBINSON wrote a check for \$5,409.00 out of Medicare proceeds generated by the conspiracy to J.J. Reliable Management to compensate his co-conspirators for their roles in the conspiracy to defraud Medicare.

pp. On about March 6, 2013, TOVMASSIAN falsified the progress report for Medicare beneficiary OG, to reflect that OG was experiencing the symptom "cough," and recommended an allergy test for the beneficiary.

qq. On about March 8, 2013, TOVMASSIAN falsified the progress report for Medicare beneficiary RM, to reflect that RM was experiencing the symptoms "itchy eyes, sneezy", and recommended an allergy test for the beneficiary.

rr. On about March 11, 2013, J.J. Reliable Management provided MURADYAN with a \$1,000.00 check as payment for giving the impression that he drove SENEKERIMYAN from North Hollywood to the El Centro Clinic in order to administer allergy tests to Medicare beneficiaries.

ss. On about March 12, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$1,440 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for services purportedly rendered to Medicare beneficiary AI, including office visit, ultrasounds, and breathing test, although those services were not rendered in a fashion that met Medicare's requirements or were not rendered at all.

tt. On about March 26, 2013, J.J. Reliable Management provided SENEKERIMYAN with a \$1,000.00 check as payment for providing allergy testing materials, giving the impression that she traveled from North Hollywood to the El Centro Clinic to administer allergy tests to Medicare beneficiaries, and producing false and fraudulent documents giving the impression that allergy tests were performed on those beneficiaries.

uu. On about April 5, 2013, TOVMASSIAN falsified the progress report for Medicare beneficiary LG, to reflect that LG was

experiencing the symptoms "cough, stuffy nose, sneezy," and recommended an allergy test for the beneficiary.

vv. On about April 10, 2013, ROBINSON signed a superbill directing that Medicare be billed for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary OG, recommended by TOVMASSIAN, which was never administered to OG.

ww. On about April 10, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$720 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary OG that was never administered to OG.

xx. On about April 24, 2013, J.J. Reliable Management provided Aviles with a \$950 check as payment for Aviles's work illegally recruiting Medicare beneficiaries to the El Centro Clinic.

yy. On about April 26, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$1,210 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for services purportedly rendered to Medicare beneficiary EA, including office visit, EKG, ultrasounds, and breathing test, although those services were not rendered in a fashion that met Medicare's requirements or were not rendered at all.

zz. On about April 26, 2013, J.J. Reliable Management provided Aviles with a \$950 check as payment for Aviles's work illegally recruiting Medicare beneficiaries to the El Centro Clinic.

aaa. On about April 30, 2013, ROBINSON signed a superbill directing that Medicare be billed for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary LG, recommended by TOVMASSIAN, which was never administered to LG.

bbb. On about April 30, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$620 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for an

allergy test for Medicare beneficiary LG that was never administered to LG.

ccc. On about May 21, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$480 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary RM that was never administered to RM.

ddd. On about May 23, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$1,220 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for other services purportedly rendered to Medicare beneficiary RM, including office visit, EKG, ultrasounds, and breathing test, although those services were not rendered in a fashion that met Medicare's requirements or were not rendered at all.

eee. On about June 6, 2013, ROBINSON signed a superbill directing that Medicare be billed for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary SG that was never administered to SG.

fff. On about June 6, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$680 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary SG that was never administered to SG.

ggg. On about July 10, 2013, J.J. Reliable Management provided TOVMASSIAN with a \$430 check as payment for TOVMASSIAN's work as an unlicensed PA illegally examining Medicare beneficiaries and prescribing medically unnecessary tests for those beneficiaries.

hhh. On about July 17, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$1,330 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for services purportedly rendered to Medicare beneficiary JV, including office visit, EKG, ultrasounds, breathing test, and urination test,

although those services failed to meet Medicare's requirements or were not rendered at all.

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iii. On about September 5, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$1,550 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for services purportedly rendered to Medicare beneficiary JS, including office visit, ultrasounds, and breathing test, although those services were not rendered in a fashion that met Medicare's requirements or were not rendered at all.

jjj. On about October 4, 2013, J.J. Reliable Management provided Aviles with a \$250 check as payment for Aviles's work illegally recruiting Medicare beneficiaries to the El Centro Clinic.

kkk. On October 4, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$620 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary TT that was never administered to TT.

111. On October 4, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$720 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary NB that was never administered to NB.

mmm. On November 4, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$480 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary JC that was never administered to JC.

nnn. On about November 6, 2012, J.J. Reliable Management provided SENEKERIMYAN with a \$5,000.00 check as payment for providing allergy testing materials, giving the impression that she traveled from North Hollywood to the El Centro Clinic to administer allergy tests to Medicare beneficiaries, and producing false and fraudulent

documents giving the impression that allergy tests were performed on those beneficiaries.

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ooo. On about November 7, 2013, J.J. Reliable Management provided TOVMASSIAN with a \$300 check as payment for TOVMASSIAN's work as an unlicensed PA illegally examining Medicare beneficiaries and prescribing medically unnecessary tests for those beneficiaries.

ppp. On November 14, 2013, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$720 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary EP that was never administered to EP.

qqq. On about December 6, 2013, ROBINSON signed a superbill that had already been submitted in support of a claim for reimbursement from Medicare for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary GV that was never administered to GV, knowing that the superbill would be submitted to the ZPIC auditor, to obstruct and impede the federal audit of El Centro Clinic.

rrr. On about December 6, 2013, ROBINSON signed a superbill already been submitted in support of claim that had reimbursement from Medicare for an allergy test for beneficiary AI that was never administered to AI, knowing that the superbill would be submitted to the ZPIC auditor, to obstruct and impede the federal audit of El Centro Clinic.

sss. On about December 6, 2013, ROBINSON signed a superbill submitted in support claim for already been of that had Medicare for allergy test for reimbursement from Medicare an beneficiary RM that was never administered to RM, knowing that the superbill would be submitted to the ZPIC auditor, to obstruct and impede the federal audit of El Centro Clinic.

ttt. On about December 6, 2013, ROBINSON signed a superbill that had already been submitted in support of claim reimbursement from Medicare for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary HG that was never administered to HG, knowing that the superbill would be submitted to the ZPIC auditor, to obstruct and impede the federal audit of El Centro Clinic.

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uuu. On about January 24, 2014, ROBINSON signed a superbill directing that Medicare be billed for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary ZV that was never administered to ZV.

vvv. On about January 24, 2014, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$680 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for an allergy test for Medicare beneficiary ZV that was never administered to ZV.

www. On about January 31, 2014, the co-conspirators caused a claim for \$1,245 to be submitted for reimbursement from Medicare, for services purportedly rendered to Medicare beneficiary MM, including office visit, EKG, ultrasounds, breathing test, and urination test, although those services were not rendered in a fashion that met Medicare's requirements or were not rendered at all.

xxx. On about March 10, 2015, SENEKERIMYAN falsely told a health care criminal investigator that she administered allergy tests at the El Centro Clinic three days per week, knowing that the statement would obstruct and mislead the communication of information relating to a violation of a Federal health care offense.

yyy. On about March 10, 2015, SENEKERIMYAN falsely told a health care criminal investigator that she that she personally ordered and purchased all allergens used for allergy testing at the El Centro Clinic, knowing that the statement would obstruct and mislead the

communication of information and records relating to a violation of a Federal health care offense.

zzz. On about March 10, 2015, MURADYAN falsely told a health care criminal investigator that that he drove SENEKERIMYAN to the El Centro Clinic to perform allergy testing, two to three times per week, knowing that the statement would obstruct and mislead the communication of information relating to a violation of a Federal health care offense.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371.

Counts 2-19

HEALTH CARE FRAUD (18 U.S.C. §§ 1347 AND 2)

[ROBINSON, TOVMASSIAN, & SENEKERIMYAN]

- 21. Paragraphs 1 through 14 of the Introductory Allegations of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference.
- 22. Beginning on a date unknown and continuing up to and including at least February 20, 2014, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendants PAUL ROBINSON, LEVON TOVMASSIAN, and HASMIK SENEKERIMYAN, together with co-conspirators Gevorg Kupelian, A.T., Reina Aviles, R.I.R., M.M., and others, in connection with the delivery of and payment for health care benefits, items, and services, knowingly and willfully executed and attempted to execute a material scheme and artifice to defraud a healthcare benefit program, namely Medicare, and to obtain money from Medicare by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, promises, and omission and concealment of material facts.

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Count	Date	Patient	Defendant	Test	Claim
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15	10/4/13	TT	ROBINSON & SENEKERIMYAN	Allergy	\$620
16	10/4/13	NB	ROBINSON & SENEKERIMYAN	Allergy	\$720
17	11/4/13	JC	ROBINSON & SENEKERIMYAN	Allergy	\$480
18	11/14/13	EP	ROBINSON & SENEKERIMYAN	Allergy	\$720
19	1/24/14	ZV	ROBINSON	Allergy	\$680

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Sections 1347 and 2.

Count 20

OBSTRUCTION OF FEDERAL AUDIT (18 U.S.C. § 1516)

[ROBINSON]

- 25. Paragraphs 1 through 14 of the Introductory Allegations of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference.
- On about December 6, 2013, within the Southern District of 26. California and elsewhere, defendant PAUL ROBINSON, with the intent to deceive and defraud the United States, endeavored to federal auditor S. Price from and impede obstruct. Services, a designated contractor for Medicare, in the performance of his official duties relating to a federal audit on behalf of Medicare of the El Centro Clinic, an entity receiving in excess of \$100,000, directly and indirectly, from the United States in the one year period from January 1, 2013 to January 1, 2014, under a cooperative agreement with Medicare, by submitting falsified and misleading records; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, medical Section 1516.

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Count 21

FALSE STATEMENT WITHIN JURISISDICTION OF UNITED STATES (18 U.S.C. § 1001)

[TOVMASSIAN]

- 27. Paragraphs 1 through 14 of the Introductory Allegations of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference.
- 28. On about April 23, 2014, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendant LEVON TOVMASSIAN knowingly and willfully made a false statement within the jurisdiction of the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Inspector General ("HHS-OIG"), in that he told HHS-OIG Special Agent A. Bubb that he had never been to El Centro, California, knowing that the statement was false; in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001.

Count 22

OBSTRUCTING A HEALTH CARE CRIME INVESTIGATION

(18 U.S.C. § 1518)

[SENEKERIMYAN]

- 29. Paragraphs 1 through 14 of the Introductory Allegations of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference.
- 30. On about March 10, 2015, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendant HASMIK SENEKERIMYAN willfully prevented, obstructed, misled, and delayed the communication of information and records relating to Health Care Fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1347), a violation of a Federal health care offense, to Special Agent A. Bubb, a criminal investigator duly authorized by the HHSOIG, an agency of the United States to conduct and engage in investigations for prosecutions for violations of health care

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offenses, namely, by misrepresenting that she administered allergy tests at the El Centro Clinic three days per week.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1518.

Count 23

OBSTRUCTING A HEALTH CARE CRIME INVESTIGATION

(18 U.S.C. § 1518)

[SENEKERIMYAN]

- Paragraphs 1 through 14 of the Introductory Allegations of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference.
- 32. On about March 10, 2015, within the Southern District of California and elsewhere, defendant HASMIK SENEKERIMYAN willfully prevented, obstructed, misled, and delayed the communication of information and records relating to Health Care Fraud (18 U.S.C. § 1347), a violation of a Federal health care offense, to Special Agent A. Bubb, a criminal investigator duly authorized by the HHSan agency of the United States to conduct and engage in investigations for prosecutions for violations of offenses, namely, by misrepresenting that she personally ordered and purchased all allergens used for allergy testing at the El Centro Clinic.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1518.

Count 24

OBSTRUCTING A HEALTH CARE CRIME INVESTIGATION

(18 U.S.C. § 1518)

[MURADYAN]

33. Paragraphs 1 through 14 of the Introductory Allegations of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated by reference.

34. On or about March 10, 2015, within the Southern District of 1 elsewhere, defendant NAZAR California and MURADYAN 2 prevented, obstructed, misled, and delayed the communication of 3 information and records relating to Health Care Fraud (18 U.S.C. 4 § 1347), a violation of a Federal health care offense, to Special 5 Agent A. Bubb, a criminal investigator duly authorized by the HHS-6 OIG, an agency of the United States to conduct and engage in 7 investigations for prosecutions for violations of health 8 offenses, namely, by misrepresenting that he drove 9 defendant HASMIK SENEKERIMYAN, to the El Centro Clinic, to perform 10 allergy testing, two to three times per week. 11

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1518.

CRIMINAL FORFEITURE

- 35. Paragraphs 1 through 24 of this Indictment are realleged and incorporated as if fully set forth herein for the purpose of alleging forfeiture pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(7).
- 36. Upon conviction of the offenses of Conspiracy and Health Care Fraud as alleged in Counts 1 through 19 for defendants PAUL ROBINSON, LEVON TOVMASSIAN, HASMIK SENEKERIMYAN and NAZAR MURADYAN, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(7), forfeit to the United States: (a) all right, title, and interest in any property, real or personal, that constitutes or is derived, directly or indirectly, from gross proceeds traceable to the commission of such offenses and (b) a sum of money equal to the total amount of gross proceeds derived, directly or indirectly, from such offenses.

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If any of the above described forfeitable property, as a result of any act or omission of defendants PAUL ROBINSON, TOVMASSIAN, HASMIK SENEKERIMYAN, and NAZAR MURADYAN: (a) cannot be located upon the exercise of due diligence; (b) has been transferred or sold to, or deposited with, a third party; (c) has been placed beyond the jurisdiction of the Court; (d) has been substantially diminished in value; or (e) has been commingled with other property which cannot be divided without difficulty; it is the intent of the United to Title 21, States Code, United States, pursuant Section 853(p) and Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b), to seek forfeiture of any other property of defendants PAUL ROBINSON, LEVON TOVMASSIAN, HASMIK SENEKERIMYAN, and NAZAR MURADYAN up to the value of the forfeitable property described above; All pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(7).

A TRUE BILL:

Foreperson

LAURA E. DUFFY

DATED:

United States Attorney

By:

TENORIO CHRISTOPHER P. Assistant U.S. Attorney

Special Assistant U.S. Attorney

June 12, 2015.