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**MEDICAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY OWNERS ACCUSED OF FALSIFYING
PHYSICIAN ORDERS PAY \$191,606 TO SETTLE CIVIL CLAIMS AGAINST THEM
AND THEIR COMPANY**

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney Lawrence G. Brown announced today that the Federal Government has entered into a settlement agreement with SHIRLEY M. ESTRADA and MARCUS R. ESTRADA, along with their related business, Aristo-Care, Inc.

This case is the product of an investigation by the FBI.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Catherine Swann, who litigated the civil case, the ESTRADAs through their company Aristo-Care, Inc., supplied durable medical equipment to beneficiaries under the government-funded Medi-Cal program. The government alleged the ESTRADAs fraudulently charged Medi-Cal for various incontinence supplies. Specifically, the government contended the ESTRADAs forged physician signatures and fraudulently used physician provider numbers in order to receive reimbursement under the Medi-Cal program.

The ESTRADAs have agreed to pay the government \$191,606 to settle this civil case, but deny any liability or wrongdoing.

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