

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

PERRIN D. EDWARDS,

Defendant.

) Criminal No.

) Information

) Violation:

) 1 Count

) Counties of Offense: Albany, Columbia

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18 U.S.C. § 1347
[Health Care Fraud]

THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY CHARGES:

COUNT 1
[Health Care Fraud]

1. From in or about March 2011 and through in or about May 2015, in Albany and Columbia Counties in the Northern District of New York, and elsewhere, the defendant, **PERRIN D. EDWARDS**, did knowingly and willfully execute and attempt to execute a scheme and artifice to defraud one or more health care benefit programs and to obtain by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises, money owned by and under the custody and control of one or more health care benefit programs in connection with the delivery of and payment for health care benefits, items, and services by causing false and fraudulent bills to be submitted to Medicare and private insurers, which were health care benefit programs pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 24(b), for podiatric medical services that the defendant claimed he had performed for patients when, as the defendant then well knew, he had not performed those services and, as the defendant then well knew, the services were not reimbursable by Medicare and the private insurers.

2. From in or about March 2011 through in or about May 2015, the defendant caused fraudulent claims to be submitted Medicare and private insurers as part of the scheme, and those entities paid the defendant approximately \$147,930 on the fraudulent claims, including over \$111,000 in payments to Medicare.

3. On or about September 30, 2014, for the purpose of executing and attempting to execute the aforementioned scheme and artifice to defraud, the defendant submitted and caused to be submitted a claim to Medicare in the amount of \$55 for payment for podiatric services, that is a debridement of six or more toenails purportedly performed on or about July 16, 2014, when as the defendant then well knew, he had not provided such services, and he had performed only routine foot care.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1347.

FORFEITURE ALLEGATION

The allegations contained in Count 1 of this Information are hereby realleged and incorporated by reference for the purpose of alleging forfeitures pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(7).

Upon conviction of the offense in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1347 set forth in Count 1 of this Indictment, the defendant, **PERRIN D. EDWARDS**, shall forfeit to the United States of America, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(a)(7), any property, real or personal, that constitutes or is derived, directly or indirectly, from gross proceeds traceable to the commission of the offense. The property to be forfeited includes, but is not limited to, the following:

Money Judgment

A money judgment in an amount no less than \$147,930 in United States currency.

If any of the property described above, as a result of any act or omission of the defendant:

- 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,

the United States of America shall be entitled to forfeiture of substitute property pursuant to Title 21, United States Code, Section 853(p), as incorporated by Title 18, United States Code, Section 982(b)(1) and Title 28, United States Code, Section 2461(c).

Dated: 7/11/17

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