

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF
INSURANCE
FRAUD CONFERENCE
HEALTHCARE FRAUD PANEL
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014**

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Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana**



HEALTHCARE FRAUD PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP

PARTNERS

- Some of the Private Plan/Association Partners:
 - Aetna
 - BCBS of LA
 - CMS
 - Humana
 - National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB)- *Association*
 - NHCAA
 - WellPoint

- Some of the Public Partners
 - CMS
 - HHS-OIG
 - FBI
 - MFCU





CURRENT STATE OF THE PARTNERSHIP

Membership

- Memorandum of Understanding for Onboarding
- Paperwork Reduction Act issue overcome


Data Sharing

- Data Sharing Pipeline = 3 Exchanges (Including Two Current Identified Org-Level Exchanges In Process)
- Processes and Procedures for Data Sharing

Information Sharing

- Communications Products for Partner Use
- Public Website and Partner Portal <https://hfppcommunity.cms.gov>

Partnership Operations

- Trusted Third Party Strategy & Procurement Done - MITRE
 - Continued Steps Taken Towards Expanded & Identified Data Exchange
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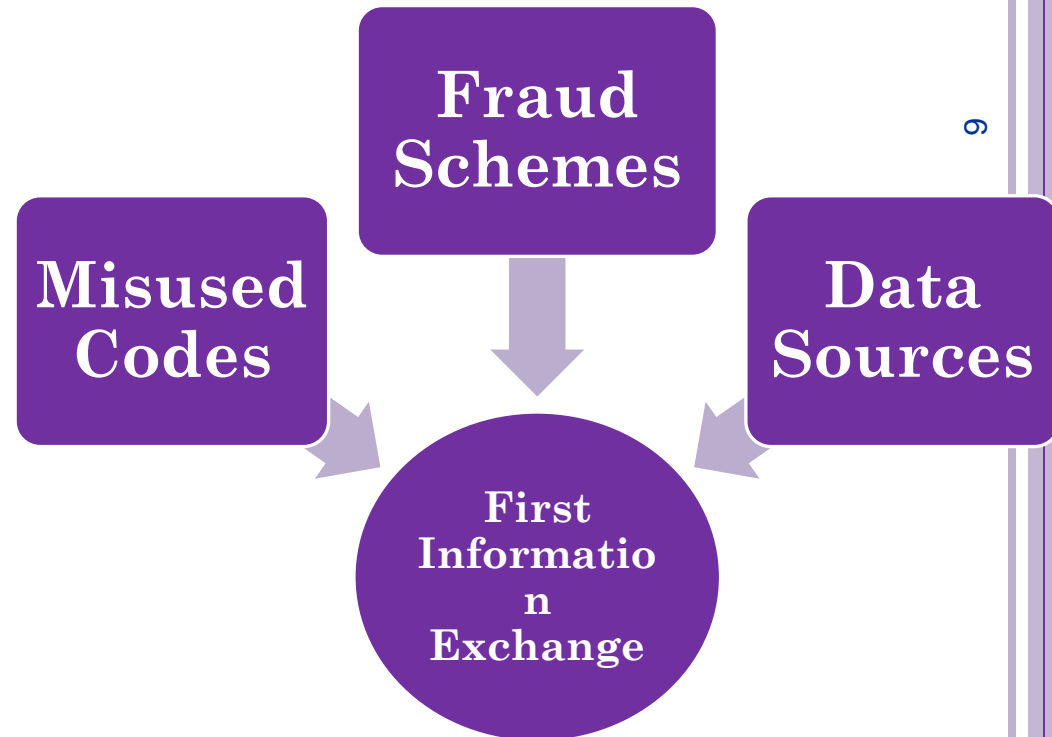


DATA ANALYSIS & REVIEW COMMITTEE UPDATES

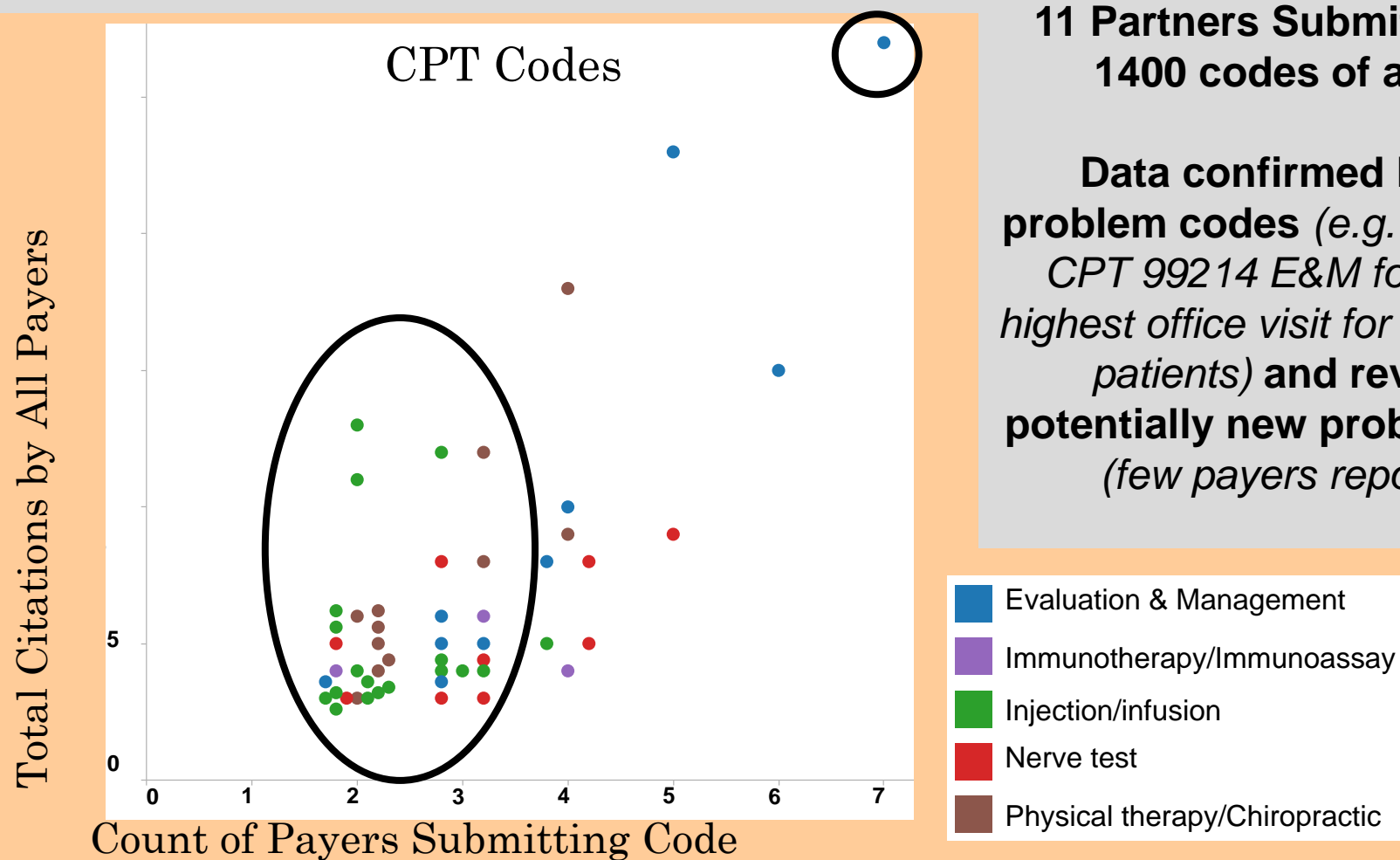


STUDY 1- REVIEW OF DESIGN

- 11 Partners Contributed
 - 2 federal
 - 4 national health insurance companies
 - 1 national property and casualty company
 - 2 regional insurance companies
 - 1 state Medicaid agency
 - 1 association
- 3 Information Types
 - >1400 Misused Codes
 - >100 Fraud Schemes
 - >44 Data Sources



STUDY 1 MISUSED CODES - CONFIRMING KNOWN PROBLEM CODES AND DISCOVERING NEW CODES



11 Partners Submitted over 1400 codes of abuse.

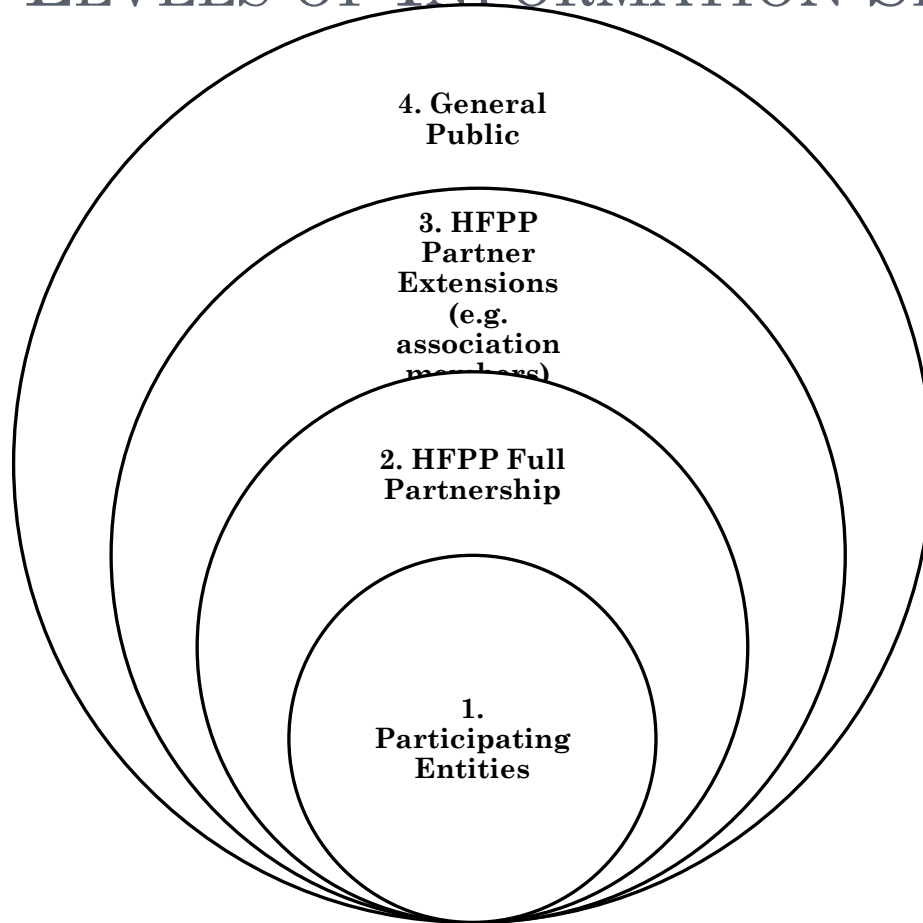
Data confirmed known problem codes (e.g. upper right CPT 99214 E&M for second highest office visit for established patients) **and revealed potentially new problem areas** (few payers reported).



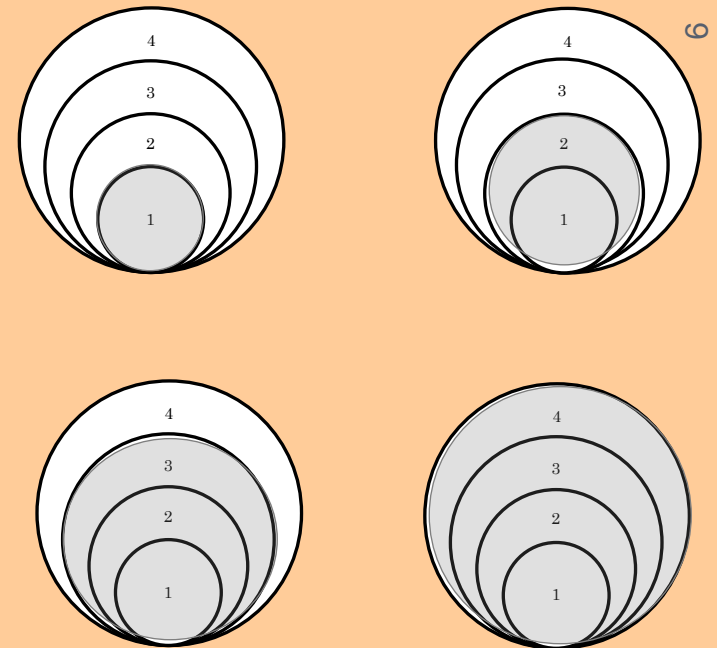
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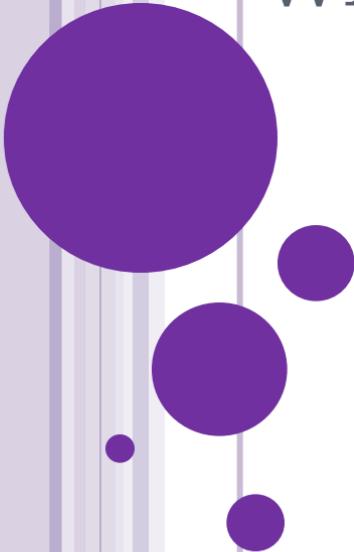
INFORMATION SHARING COMMITTEE:

LEVELS OF INFORMATION SHARING



Dissemination Classification

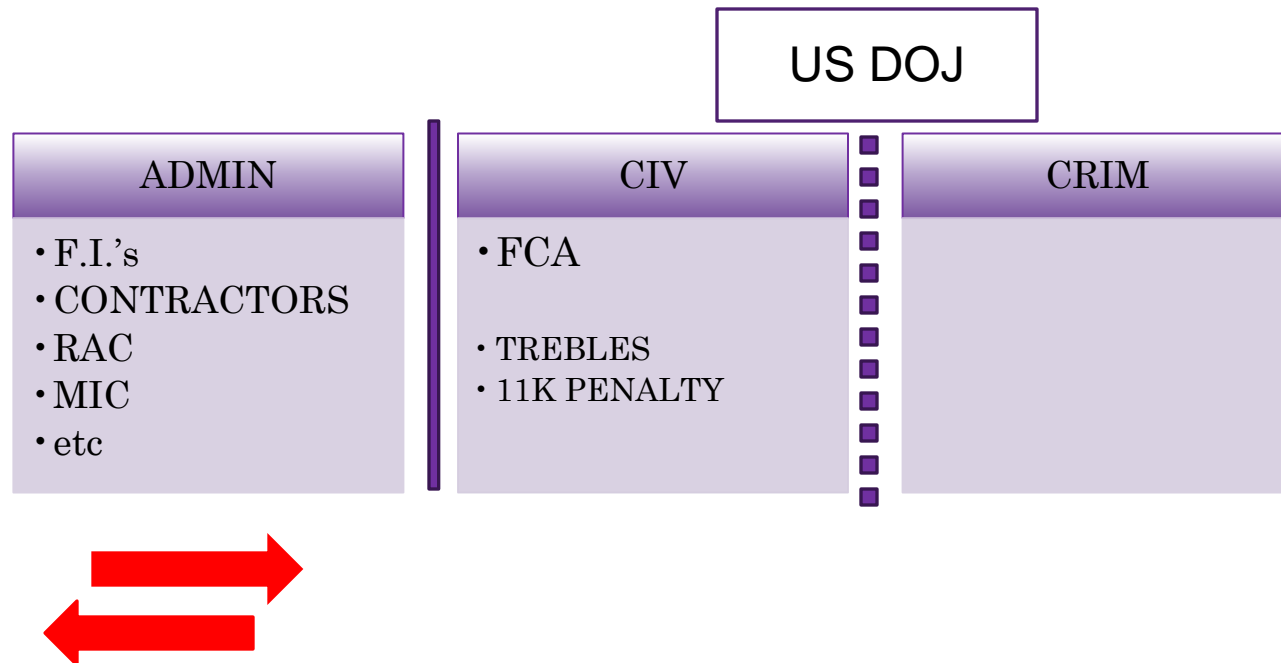




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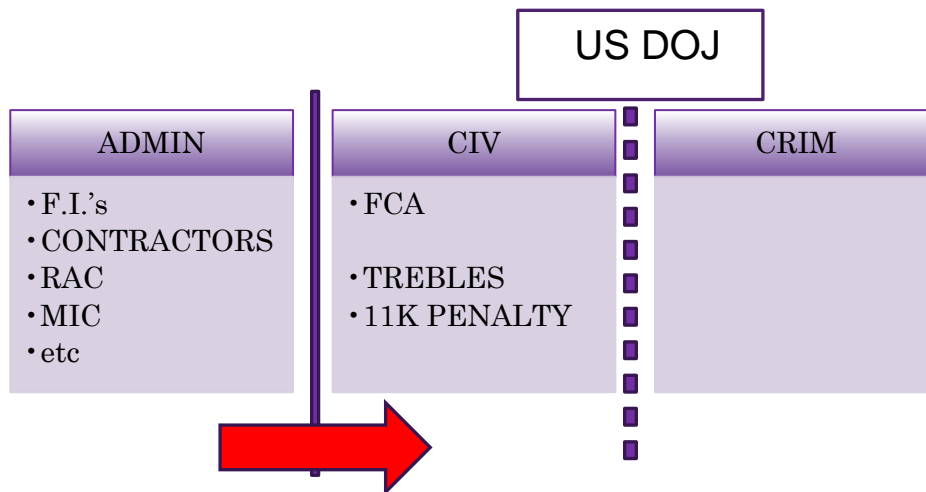
**A.G. (Alec) Alexander III, J.D.
CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER
CHRISTUS HEALTH LOUISIANA**

○ REGULATORY ENFORCEMENT STRUCTURE



- DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR
- NO PENALTIES (USUALLY)
- NO MULTIPIERS (USUALLY)





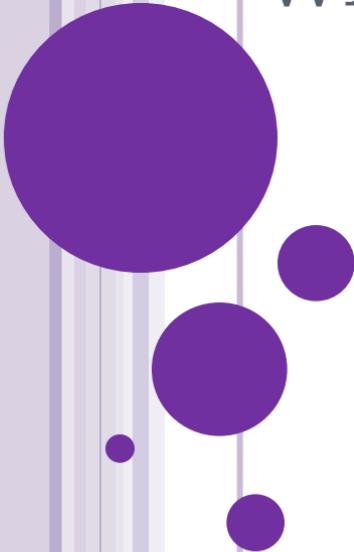
FCA ELEMENTS	
CLAIMS	X
FALSITY	X
KNOWLEDGE	✓
AK	✓
DI	✓
RD	✓
MATERIALITY	X
DAMAGES	X

○ WHAT IS IT THAT MOVES YOU FROM “SINGLE DOLLAR WORLD” INTO LAW ENFORCEMENT?

SCIENTER

- “ACTUAL KNOWLEDGE” OF FALSITY
- “DELIBERATE IGNORANCE” AS TO TRUTH OR FALSITY
 - “RECKLESS DISREGARD” OF TRUTH OR FALSITY





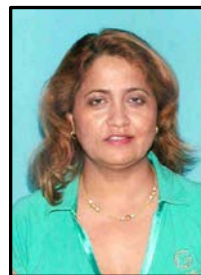
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**William “Bill” Root
CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER
Department of Health and Hospitals**

PSYCHCARE OF LOUISIANA DBA SHIFA COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTHCENTER BATON ROUGE, LA



Zahid Imran
Owner / Medical Director



Hoor Naz Jafri
Owner / Marketer



Sedra Signater
Administrator / Manager



Kyeiana Murray
Office Manager



Teryl Vincent
LCSW



Todd Ulmer
LCSW



June Durio
LCSW



Nancy Noflin Reed
MSW



Robert Booker
RT

SERENITY CENTER

BATON ROUGE, LA



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Rosylin Dogan
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Arthur Smith
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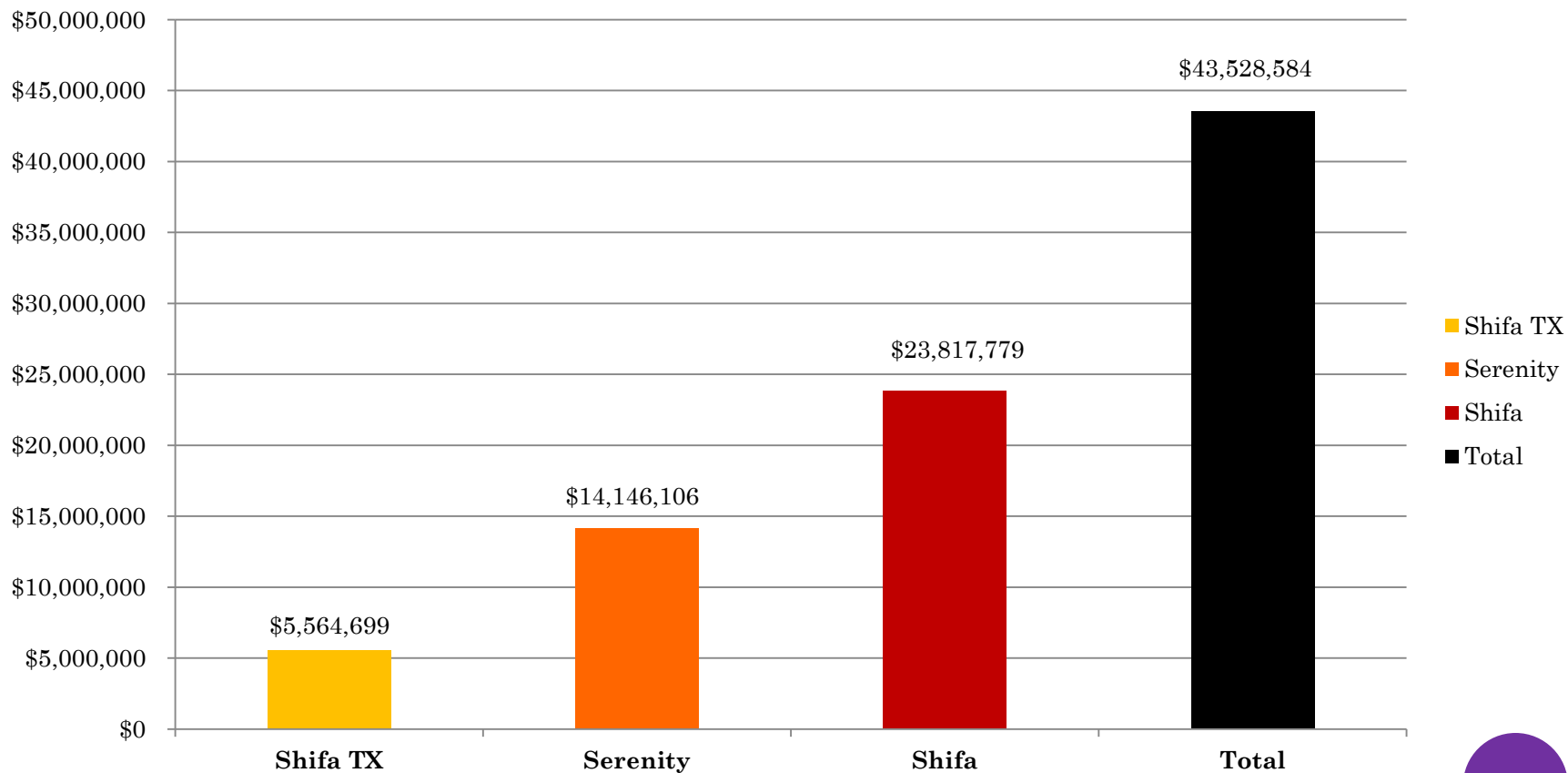
DRUSILLA APARTMENTS



TOTAL PAID BY MEDICARE

\$43,528,584*

01/01/05 – 04/30/12



SEARCH WARRANT

- 5 Sites around Baton Rouge
- 40+ Agents
- 300 Boxes of Evidence
- 10 Terabytes of data
- 2 Digital Video Recorders

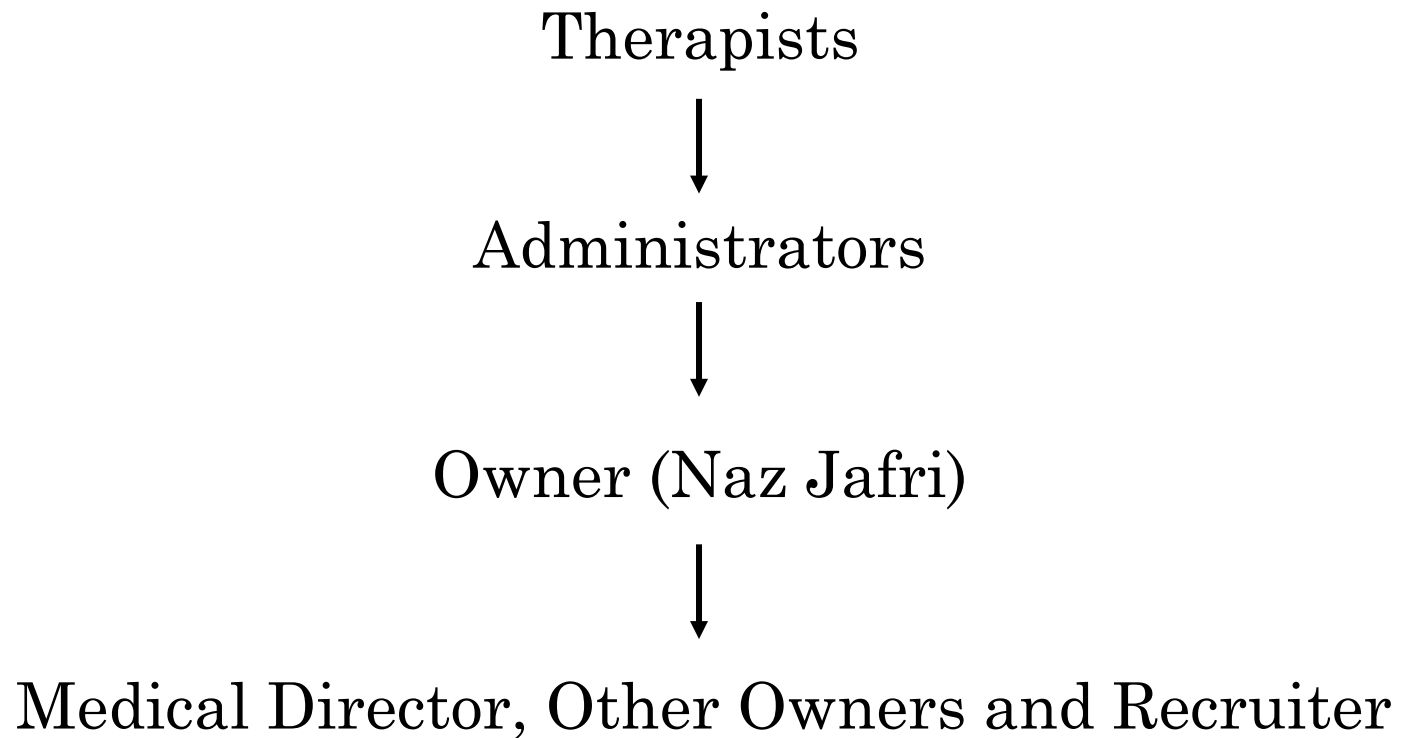
BILLING WHILE OUT OF THE COUNTRY

Dr. Zahid Imran

**Submitted 72 claims for dates of service
while he was out of the country**

10/28/2006 – 01/10/2011

KEY COOPERATORS



SENTENCES



Hoor Naz Jafri
Owner / Marketer

Pled Guilty to:

- 18 USC 1349 - Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud
- 18 USC 371 - Conspiracy to Pay and Receive Healthcare Kickbacks

Sentenced to:

- **8 ½ Years Imprisonment**
- **2 Years Supervised Release**
- **Restitution in the amount of \$43,528,584**

SENTENCES



Zahid Imran
Owner / Medical Director

Pled Guilty to:

- 18 USC 1349 - Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud

Sentenced to:

- **7 Years 2 Months Imprisonment**
- **2 Years Supervised Release**
- **Restitution in the amount of \$23,817,779**

SENTENCES



Sedra Signater
Administrator / Manager

Pled Guilty to:

- 18 USC 371 - Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud

Sentenced to:

- **3 Years Imprisonment**
- **2 Years Supervised Release**
- **Restitution** in the amount of **\$23,817,779**

SENTENCES



Arthur Smith
Administrator / Manager

Pled Guilty to:

- 18 USC 371 - Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud

Sentenced to:

- **2 ½ Years imprisonment**
- **2 Years Supervised Release**
- **Restitution in the amount of \$14,146,106**

SENTENCES



Rafat Jafri
Owner / Administrator

Pled Guilty to:

- 42 USC 1320 - Conspiracy to Pay and Receive Kickbacks

Sentenced to:

- 3 Years 8 Months Imprisonment
- 2 Years Supervised Release
- Restitution in the amount of \$43,528,584

SENTENCES



Rosyln Dogan
Owner / Marketer

Convicted at Trial of :

- 18 USC 1347 – Health Care Fraud (2 Counts)
- 18 USC 1349 - Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud

Sentenced to:

- **TBD**

MEDICARE FRAUD STRIKE FORCE

Joint Task Force between HHS-OIG, FBI, US DOJ and MFCU

Since 2007, the Medicare Fraud Strike Force has charged over 2,000 defendants who have collectively billed the Medicare Program over \$6 Billion.

Operates in 9 cities: Miami, Detroit, Los Angeles, Houston, Brooklyn, Tampa, Baton Rouge, Dallas, and Chicago



BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

QUESTIONS?

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