



Federal Government Gets Second Chance at False Claims Liability for Regulatory Noncompliance

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The federal government will get a second trial in an ongoing Federal False Claims Act whistleblower suit brought in late 2005 against Tuomey Health care System, Inc. in Sumter, S.C. (U.S. ex rel, Michael K. Drakeford, M.D. v. Tuomey d/b/a Tuomey Health care System, Inc., U.S. Dist. Ct., D. S.C., Case No. 3:05-CV-2858-MJP). The case may have repercussions for all health care providers that bill Medicare and Medicaid, since the claims against the hospital are largely based on the alleged false certification that the hospital complied with regulatory requirements.

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