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**February 16, 2017 (San Francisco, CA) – Const**

\_\_\_\_\_ announced today that the U.S. Department of Justice has joined its client’s whistleblower lawsuit claiming that UnitedHealth Group — the nation’s largest health insurer and largest operator of Medicare managed healthcare insurance plans — and various subsidiaries and affiliates defrauded the Medicare managed care program to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars. UnitedHealth Group is accused of improperly gaming a program known as risk adjustment, or risk scoring, by claiming its members were treated for conditions they either did not have or were not treated for. The Justice Department has also joined in allegations against WellMed, a Texas-based healthcare entity UnitedHealth acquired in 2011 in spite of evidence WellMed was fraudulently inflating its risk scores.

Taxpayers have paid out hundreds of millions of dollars to UnitedHealth and its affiliates for false claims, the suit alleges. The “qui tam” whistleblower suit, filed under the federal False Claims Act, was unsealed today. A copy of the complaint, pending in federal court in Los Angeles, California, is available [here](#).

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- diagnoses that otherwise failed to meet CMS requirements for risk adjustment.

Francisco office and co-lead counsel. “This case demonstrates the benefit of the False Claims Act and the importance of whistleblowers in detecting complex fraudulent schemes.”

The False Claims Act promotes collaboration among corporate insiders and the government to fight fraud on taxpayers. The law encourages whistleblowers to expose companies that are defrauding the government by allowing a private party to file a civil lawsuit on the government’s behalf and providing for a reward of 15 to 25 percent of the government’s civil recovery if the government joins, or intervenes in, the case.

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