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In other news ... • The Medicare fraud strike force struck again, nailing 53 people who billed more than \$50 million in false Medicare claims in Michigan.

The strike force actions in Detroit targeted "53 individuals who are accused of various Medicare fraud offenses, including conspiracy to defraud the Medicare program, criminal false claims, and violations of the anti-kickback statutes," according to a June 24 Dept. of Health and Human Services press release.

The fraud was concentrated in the areas of infusion therapy and physical/occupational therapy, the news release noted.

"The Obama Administration is committed to turning up the heat on Medicare fraud and employing all the weapons in the federal government's arsenal to target those who are defrauding the American taxpayer," said HHS Secretary **Kathleen Sebelius** in a prepared statement.