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In other news

A New York-based physical therapist faces up to 50 years in prison after pleading guilty to an indictment charging him with five counts of healthcare fraud, the Department of Justice announced in a May 13 news release.

The DOJ indicates that over a five-year period, the physical therapist "caused the submission of approximately \$11.9 million in false and fraudulent claims to Medicare for physical therapy services that were not performed and were not medically necessary." In addition, the PT hired non-certified therapy assistants to provide services to Medicare beneficiaries.

The case was brought as part of the Medicare Fraud Strike Force, the DOJ noted. To read the full news release, visit www.justice.gov/opa/pr/2011/May/11-crm-617.html