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In other news

A Louisiana church health fair may have offered more than medical flyers--it also was accused of being bait for a Medicare scammer.

A physician, two former ministers, and a medical equipment business owner went on trial this week for their role in an alleged \$2.5 million Medicare scheme. As part of the plan, the ministers hosted church health fairs, where the physician would prescribe unneeded equipment for patients, and the medical equipment supplier would provide that equipment.

The defendants are accused of bilking about \$2.5 million out of Medicare over a six-year period from 2003 through 2009. The trial, which began on August 1, is expected to last several weeks.