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In other news...

If you think exaggerating the complexity of even one surgery is okay, you could be in for a massive surprise--and some jail time.

A Chicago vascular and thoracic surgeon was sentenced to 10 months last week after being convicted of falsifying postop reports to collect \$10,000 more than he deserved from Medicare.

The physician was also fined \$40,000 and community service after the jury found that he included details in the op notes of two aneurysm repairs that were more elaborate than the services he actually performed.

To read the Department of Justice's news release about the conviction, visit www.justice.gov/usao/iln/pr/chicago/2012/pr0905_01.pdf.