

Eli's Rehab Report

News Brief: Fraud and Abuse

Ohio Couple Found Not Guilty of Fraudulent Billing

AKRON, Ohio -- What appeared to be a stiff prison sentence on the horizon for radiologist Robert Reither and his wife Judy is now cleared.

The background: The Reithers were accused of fraudulently billing Medicare for modified barium swallow (MBS) tests. A federal grand jury returned a 13-count indictment that said the Reithers billed Medicare for more than \$6 million and received \$3.7 million for non-covered services.

The result: Last December, a two-week jury trial found both Robert and Judy Reither not guilty on all counts and the indictment, the couple's attorney informed TCI in a letter.

For details on the case, see case no. 5:06CR254 from the U.S. District Court for Northern Ohio.