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Hospice News: Hospice Medical Director Faces Indictment

Hospice medical directors are not out of reach of the long arm of the law. Last fall, **Matthew Kolodesh**, owner of Philadelphia's **Home Care Hospice Inc.**, was charged with Medicare fraud. Now HCH medical director **Eugene Goldman** has been charged with receiving kickbacks from the hospice.

HCH paid Goldman nearly \$230,000 over four years for referring patients, but disguised the payments as being for legitimate medical director services, the **Department of Justice** charges in a release. The physician solicited kickback payments, the indictment alleges.

HCH hospice director **Alex Pugman** also has been indicted, the DOJ adds.

Goldman's wife, **Svetlana Ganetsky** is being sentenced next month after pleading guilty to obstruction, reports **WBNS-TV**. Pugman has pled guilty, the TV station adds.