

# 11 people charged in Detroit painkiller scam

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(AP) -- A federal indictment in Detroit says the government unwittingly paid more than \$480,000 to a phony health-care business that was a front for acquiring and selling powerful painkillers as far away as Alabama.

The indictment unsealed Thursday charges 11 people in the alleged scheme. Authorities say a business called Quick Response Medical Professionals paid people as much as \$220 to be seen by a doctor.

The indictment says [prescriptions](#) for painkillers such as OxyContin were obtained and then sold on the streets in 2007 and 2008. [Medicare](#) reimbursed Quick Response for the patient visits.

The case involves thousands of doses of OxyContin valued at more than \$5 million on the retail market.

The alleged ringleader and others were expected in court Thursday.

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