

Feds charge 91 people in \$429M Medicare fraud

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(AP)—A federal strike force has charged 91 people, including doctors and nurses, in seven cities with Medicare fraud schemes involving \$429 million in false billings.

At a news conference, Attorney General Eric Holder says the case reveals an alarming trend of criminal attempts to steal billions of taxpayer dollars for personal gain. Holder called Thursday's action against [Medicare fraud](#) one of the largest of its kind.

Health and Human Services Secretary [Kathleen Sebelius](#) says that that in addition to the newly announced charges, her agency used new authority under the federal health care law to stop future payments to many of the [health care providers](#) suspected of fraud.

The law enforcement effort targeted fraudulent Medicare schemes in Baton Rouge, La.; Brooklyn, N.Y.; Chicago; Dallas; Houston; Los Angeles; Miami, and Houston.

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