

# THE 20 MOST COSTLY SETTLEMENTS DUE TO PHYSICIAN ARRANGEMENTS

In 2016, The United States Department of Justice recovered over **\$4.7**

**BILLION** from False

Claims Act (FCA) cases. FCA, Anti-Kickback Statute (AKS) and Stark Law for Physician Self-Referral are just a few of the regulations that have devastated hospitals who failed to remain compliant.

Whether you are aware of the regulations or not, the DOJ has no tolerance for unintentional violations -- filing false claims may result in fines of up to three times the programs' loss PLUS \$11,000 per claim filed.

One of the most common ways hospitals suffer enforcement is by a technical violation. These violations often occur unintentionally as a result of overburdened manual processes. **Here are the 20 most costly fines for physician arrangement violations in the last 5 years:**

20	DEC. 2015	GOVERNMENT SETTLES ALLEGED FALSE CLAIMS ACT VIOLATIONS WITH MEMORIAL HEALTH, INC TO PAY US <b>\$9.9 MILLION</b> <a href="#">Read it here</a>
19	MAR. 2015	OHIO-BASED HEALTH SYSTEM PAYS UNITED STATES <b>\$10 MILLION</b> TO SETTLE FALSE CLAIMS ACT ALLEGATIONS. <a href="#">Read it here</a>
18	DEC. 2018	AURORA HEALTH CARE, INC. AGREES TO PAY <b>\$12 MILLION</b> TO SETTLE ALLEGATIONS UNDER THE FALSE CLAIMS ACT AND THE STARK LAW. <a href="#">Read it here</a>
17	MAY 2013	ADVENTIST HEALTH PAYS UNITED STATES AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA <b>\$14.1 MILLION</b> TO RESOLVE FALSE CLAIMS ACT ALLEGATIONS. <a href="#">Read it here</a>
16	MAY 2018	OHIO HOSPITAL OPERATOR AGREES TO PAY UNITED STATES <b>\$14.25 MILLION</b> TO SETTLE ALLEGED FALSE CLAIMS ACT VIOLATIONS ARISING FROM IMPROPER PAYMENTS TO PHYSICIANS. <a href="#">Read it here</a>
15	JAN. 2014	KENTUCKY HOSPITAL AGREES TO PAY GOVERNMENT <b>\$16.5 MILLION</b> TO SETTLE ALLEGATIONS OF UNNECESSARY CARDIAC PROCEDURES. <a href="#">Read it here</a>
14	JUL. 2016	SOUTH CAROLINA HOSPITAL TO PAY <b>\$17 MILLION</b> TO RESOLVE FALSE CLAIMS ACT AND STARK LAW ALLEGATIONS. <a href="#">Read it here</a>
13	MAR. 2018	PENNSYLVANIA HOSPITAL AND CARDIOLOGY GROUP AGREE TO PAY <b>\$20.75 MILLION</b> TO SETTLE ALLEGATIONS OF KICKBACKS AND IMPROPER FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS. <a href="#">Read it here</a>
12	APR. 2015	TEXAS-BASED CITIZENS MEDICAL CENTER AGREES TO PAY UNITED STATES <b>\$21.75 MILLION</b> TO SETTLE ALLEGED FALSE CLAIMS ACT VIOLATIONS. <a href="#">Read it here</a>
11	SEP. 2018	KALISPELL REGIONAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM TO PAY <b>\$24 MILLION</b> TO SETTLE FALSE CLAIMS ACT ALLEGATIONS. <a href="#">Read it here</a>
10	DEC. 2017	TWO PHYSICIAN GROUPS PAY OVER <b>\$33 MILLION</b> TO RESOLVE CLAIMS INVOLVING HMA HOSPITALS. <a href="#">Read it here</a>
9	MAY. 2017	MISSOURI HOSPITALS AGREE TO PAY UNITED STATES <b>\$34 MILLION</b> TO SETTLE ALLEGED FALSE CLAIMS ACT VIOLATIONS ARISING FROM IMPROPER PAYMENTS TO ONCOLOGISTS. <a href="#">Read it here</a>
8	SEP. 2015	GEORGIA HOSPITAL SYSTEM AND PHYSICIAN TO PAY UP TO <b>\$35 MILLION</b> TO SETTLE ALLEGED FALSE CLAIMS ACT AND STARK LAW VIOLATIONS. <a href="#">Read it here</a>
7	MAR. 2019	MEDSTAR HEALTH TO PAY U.S. <b>\$35 MILLION</b> TO RESOLVE ALLEGATIONS THAT IT PAID KICKBACKS TO A CARDIOLOGY GROUP IN EXCHANGE FOR REFERRALS. <a href="#">Read it here</a>
6	SEP. 2015	FLORIDA HOSPITAL DISTRICT AGREES TO PAY UNITED STATES <b>\$69.5 MILLION</b> TO SETTLE FALSE CLAIMS ACT ALLEGATIONS. <a href="#">Read it here</a>
5	MAR. 2014	FLORIDA HOSPITAL SYSTEM TO PAY <b>\$85 MILLION</b> TO SETTLE ALLEGATIONS OF IMPROPER FINANCIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH REFERRING PHYSICIANS. <a href="#">Read it here</a>
4	AUG. 2018	DETROIT AREA HOSPITAL SYSTEM TO PAY <b>\$84.5 MILLION</b> TO SETTLE FALSE CLAIMS ACT ALLEGATIONS ARISING FROM IMPROPER PAYMENTS TO REFERRING PHYSICIANS. <a href="#">Read it here</a>
3	AUG. 2014	COMMUNITY HEALTH SYSTEMS INC. TO PAY <b>\$98.15 MILLION</b> TO RESOLVE FALSE CLAIMS ACT ALLEGATIONS. <a href="#">Read it here</a>
2	SEP. 2015	ADVENTIST HEALTH SYSTEM AGREES TO PAY <b>\$115 MILLION</b> TO SETTLE FALSE CLAIMS ACT ALLEGATIONS. <a href="#">Read it here</a>
1	OCT. 2015	UNITED STATES RESOLVES <b>\$237 MILLION</b> FALSE CLAIMS ACT JUDGMENT AGAINST SOUTH CAROLINA HOSPITAL THAT MADE ILLEGAL PAYMENTS TO REFERRING PHYSICIANS. <a href="#">Read it here</a>