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MEDICAL FRAUD

Doctor in NYC settles civil fraud allegations in adult homes investigation

January 24, 2020, Brooklyn, NY -- Dr. Rajendra Bhayani, an otolaryngologist, has agreed to pay the United States \$1,109,000 to resolve civil allegations that he and his practice – New York Otolaryngology & Aesthetic Surgery, P.C. in Brooklyn and Queens – paid kickbacks and submitted false claims to federal healthcare...

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DRUG DIVERSION

New York pharmacist charged with narcotics and tax Fraud offenses

January 23, 2020, Far Rockaway, NY -- A 12-count indictment was unsealed today in federal court in Brooklyn charging Daniel E. Russo, a pharmacist, with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute oxycodone, distribution and possession of oxycodone, distribution of oxycodone by a pharmacist without legitimate...

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FRAUD FIGHTING

Group names 'most brazen' insurance fraudsters in New York

January 22, 2020, Queens, NY -- A new list highlights millions of dollars in insurance fraud in New York. Insurance fraud leads to higher insurance rates for everyone else. The New York Alliance Against Insurance Fraud developed the list from cases that ended with convictions. In one case, New York City Dr. Peter Kalkanis led a...

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COURT DECISIONS

New York Medicaid fraud suit should be revived, SCOTUS told

January 21, 2020, New York City, NY -- Whistleblower Andrew Gelbman asked the U.S. Supreme Court to reinstate his False Claims Act suit accusing New York City of defrauding Medicaid by submitting millions of false claims worth over \$14 billion. Gelbman's petition said the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit erred in...

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Health Quest data breach apparently wider than first reported

January 20, 2020, Ulster County, NY -- Health Quest and its parent company, Nuvance Health, now say a data breach they first revealed last spring might have exposed patients' Social Security numbers, driver's license numbers and payment card information. Health Quest — which operates Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck, Vassar...

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DRUG DIVERSION

NYC rehab doctor casually gave out Ketamine to addicts: suit

January 16, 2020, Manhattan, NY -- A Manhattan rehab doctor casually doled out Ketamine depression treatments while “grooming employees and patients for sexual abuse,” a new lawsuit alleges. Addiction-recovery coach Benjamin Kimmel says physician Ramesh Sawhney of Gramercy Park clinic The Recovery Spot “improperly...

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ARSON

Local man found guilty of insurance fraud

January 16, 2020, Stockport, NY -- The local man arrested for setting his Stockport home on fire was found guilty of insurance fraud. The Columbia County jury found 76-year-old Barry Goldstein intentionally had someone set his house on fire so he could collect on the \$1 million insurance policy. The district attorney said he'...

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