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**District Court Enters Monetary Judgment of \$771,271 In Favor of the District of Columbia Against Nuclear Cardiologist for Medicaid Fraud**

Inspector General Charles J. Willoughby announced today that on July 30, 2013, Judge Robert L. Wilkins of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia issued an Order granting partial summary judgment against Ishtiaq Malik, M.D., a nuclear cardiologist and his two affiliated companies, finding that the defendants defrauded the District of Columbia Medicaid program by filing false claims for payment. The two affiliated companies are Ishtiaq A. Malik, M.D., P.C. and Advanced Nuclear Diagnostics, P.C. The district court entered judgment reflecting the Judge's findings on the same date.

Judge Wilkins found the three defendants jointly and severally liable under the District of Columbia's False Claims Act in the total amount of \$771,271, in favor of the District of Columbia. The monetary judgment consists of treble damages and penalties for false claims filed by the defendants.

The judge found that the defendants falsely billed for myocardial perfusion studies, as well as for services not rendered and for reimbursement for services at a higher rate than allowed, otherwise known as up-coding.

The investigation and prosecution of the civil case was a joint effort, and included similar allegations of false billings filed under the federal Medicare program and Maryland's Medicaid program. The federal and two state governments joined as plaintiffs in the civil recovery action. Government representatives pursuing the civil recovery against the defendants were from the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia, the District of Columbia Attorney General's Office, Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the District of Columbia Office of the Inspector General (MFCU), and the Maryland Attorney General's Office.

The judgment in the amount of \$771,271 entered in favor of the District of Columbia was part of the total larger monetary judgment awarded to all three plaintiffs in the civil lawsuit.

Mr. Willoughby acknowledged and commended MFCU attorney Stuart Silverman, investigator Sandra Adams and auditor Yolanda Mobuary for their efforts in this matter.