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◆ **A Michigan woman is the first in the nation to be charged criminally with misappropriating money from the Provider Relief Fund (PRF)**, the Department of Justice (DOJ) said Feb. 11.^[1] Amina Abbas of Taylor previously owned 1 on 1 Home Health, which she shuttered in early 2020 after Medicare hit her with a \$1.620 million overpayment demand because the home health agency had billed Medicare for patients who didn't qualify for home health care, DOJ alleged. "According to the indictment, 1 on 1, which was never operational during the pandemic, received approximately \$37,656.95 designated for the medical treatment and care of COVID-19 patients," and Abbas gave the money to her family members for personal use, DOJ alleged. She was charged with embezzlement of government property in the Eastern District of Michigan. In an unrelated case, a California ambulatory surgery center recently entered into a civil monetary penalty settlement^[2] with the HHS Office of Inspector General for accepting PRF money it allegedly wasn't eligible for.

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