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◆ **National Spine & Pain Centers (NSPC) and Physical Medicine Associates (PMA) in Virginia have agreed to pay about \$3.3 million to settle false claims allegations over incident-to billing and urine drug tests,** the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia said April 25. The pain management clinics allegedly billed Medicare for services provided by physician assistants and nurse practitioners as if physicians performed the services, ordered medically unnecessary urine drug tests and billed for urine drug tests in violation of the Stark Law and/or the Anti-Kickback Statute, the U.S. attorney's office alleged. The lawsuit was set in motion by a whistleblower who was a former PMA physician assistant. NSPC and PMA did not admit liability in the settlement. Visit <http://bit.ly/2ILQqzu>.

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