

Compliance Today – March 2021 Clinic agrees to reimburse Medicare for improper billing related to neurostimulators

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A Texas spine clinic “has agreed to pay \$330,898.00 to resolve liability under the False Claims Act for the alleged improper billing of electro-acupuncture device neurostimulators,”^[1] U.S. Attorney Stephen J. Cox recently announced. For approximately 10 months, the Spinal Decompression Clinic of Texas “billed Medicare for the implantation of 41 neurostimulators – a surgical procedure which,” the government report notes, “usually requires an operating room and is reimbursed by federal healthcare programs.” The clinic, based in Longview, “did not perform these surgeries, and instead applied P-Stim devices in an office setting, without surgery or anesthesia.”

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