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Justice Department recovers more than \$3 billion from False Claims Act cases in FY 2019

In January, Assistant Attorney General Jody Hunt of the U.S. Department of Justice's Civil Division announced that it "obtained more than \$3 billion in settlements and judgments from civil cases involving fraud and false claims against the government in the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2019."

According to the government press release, "Of the more than \$3 billion in settlements and judgments recovered by the Department of Justice this past fiscal year, \$2.6 billion relates to matters that involved the health care industry, including drug and medical device manufacturers, managed care providers, hospitals, pharmacies, hospice organizations, laboratories, and physicians. This is the tenth consecutive year that the department's civil health care fraud settlements and judgments have exceeded \$2 billion. The amounts included in the \$2.6 billion reflect only federal losses, but in many of these cases the department was instrumental in recovering additional millions of dollars for state Medicaid programs."

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