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◆ **Physicians Group Services P.A. (PGS) in Florida has agreed to pay \$700,000 to settle false claims allegations over Medicaid claims for urine drug testing (UDT)**, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Florida said Oct. 5.^[1] The settlement resolves allegations that PGS submitted claims to Florida Medicaid for quantitative urine drug testing that wasn’t medically necessary “because the testing was not individualized to the particular needs of the patient,” the U.S. attorney’s office said. “The clinical value of quantitative UDT depends in part on whether the qualitative UDT result is expected or unexpected, as well as the patient’s history of drug abuse, history of medication adherence and compliance, clinical presentation, and medical history.” PGS didn’t admit liability in the settlement.

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