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In a case about the free or discounted services of advanced practice providers (APPs), St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport, Connecticut, agreed to pay \$747,973 to settle a civil monetary penalty case with the HHS Office of Inspector General (OIG).

OIG alleged that for almost seven years, from June 1, 2012, through Feb. 8, 2019, the hospital paid remuneration to certain physicians through APP staffing arrangements. The remuneration was "in the form of providing clinical staff without cost, or at a reduced cost, to the physicians to assist them in treating inpatients at the hospital respondent formerly owned and operated until Oct. 1, 2019," the settlement states.

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