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Cardiac Imaging Inc. (CII), a mobile cardiac PET scan provider, and its owner/CEO have agreed to pay \$85.48 million to settle false claims allegations that they paid kickbacks to referring cardiologists in the form of excessive supervision fees, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) said Oct. 10.^[1] In separate settlements, CII agreed to pay \$75 million “plus additional amounts based on future revenues” and CEO Sam Kancherlapalli will fork over \$10 million, DOJ said, adding “these settlements are based on their ability to pay.”

The case was set in motion in 2018 by a whistleblower, Lynda Pinto, who worked as a billing manager for CII. Headquartered in Illinois, CII provides PET scans and cardiovascular stress tests to people covered by Medicare, TRICARE and other federal health care programs.

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