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- ◆ CMS on May 21 announced a new way for people to more easily file complaints under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act.<sup>[1]</sup>
- ◆ Massachusetts physician Tony Tannoury has agreed to pay \$200,000 to settle false claims allegations in connection with kickbacks for ordering products from DePuy Synthes, Inc. and DePuy Synthes Sales, Inc., the U.S. Attorney's Office for Massachusetts said May 31.<sup>[2]</sup> Tannoury admitted he solicited and received medical devices from DePuy, a U.S. manufacturer and distributor, "in return for ordering, arranging for, and recommending the purchase of DePuy's products in spine surgeries he performed on Medicare and Medicaid patients in Massachusetts in violation of the Anti-Kickback Statute," the U.S. attorney's office said. Last year, DePuy agreed to pay about \$9.75 million to settle false claims allegations in connection with its role in this conduct.<sup>[3]</sup>

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