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◆ Evergreen Treatment Services in Washington state, which provides medication-assisted treatment for substance use disorders, agreed to pay \$1.453 million to settle false claims allegations over double billing, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington said June 13.^[1] Medicare started paying for drug treatment, including medically assisted treatment, in 2020. The U.S. attorney's office said Evergreen submitted claims to Medicare for the period January 1, 2020, to July 2020. "The claims are paid weekly, and services are bundled: medications, counseling, therapy, toxicology testing, intake activities and periodic assessments are billed under one billing code," the U.S. attorney's office said. Evergreen then resubmitted claims that already had been paid, continuing to do so from Jan. 8, 2021, to Feb. 26, 2021. "These double billings totaled \$726,991," the U.S. attorney's office said. Of the settlement amount, \$726,991 is restitution and the rest is a penalty.

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