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## Health Care Fraud Costs the U.S. Billions Each Year



The Department of Justice (DOJ) estimates that health care fraud costs the United States tens of billions of dollars each year. Indeed, some estimate that costs exceed \$100 billion a year.

### The Rise of Health Care Fraud

In response to the growing frequency and complexity of health care fraud schemes, prosecutors and law enforcement officials began some years ago to aggressively pursue dramatic

punishments against those charged with the crime. Federal statutes are in place to coordinate federal, state, and local law enforcement efforts to identify and prosecute health care fraud.

In 2009 the Health Care Fraud Prevention & Enforcement Action Team (HEAT) was created in an effort to further enhance collaboration and combine tools and resources between the DOJ and investigative agencies. The number one stated mission of HEAT is: *"To marshal significant resources across government to prevent waste, fraud and abuse in the Medicare and Medicaid programs and crack down on the fraud perpetrators who are abusing the system and costing us all billions of dollars."*

Learn more about the DOJ's Health Care Fraud Unit [here](#).

### Criminal Charges for Health Care Fraud

Criminal charges for health care fraud are prosecuted aggressively. If you have been accused Medicare fraud you need an attorney experienced in handling health care fraud cases who can combat aggressive prosecutors. As a former health care fraud prosecutor with the United States Attorney's Office, [Ashley D. Adams](#) understands the tactics and procedures the government will

use to obtain a conviction. [Contact](#) Ashley D. Adams, PLC for a free case evaluation.

## Health Care Fraud Prosecutions

Medicare fraud is the most common of all health care fraud prosecutions. It involves the investigation and prosecution of individuals and organizations who are accused of defrauding public health care systems, including Medicare and Medicaid.

Medicare fraud is a white collar crime and is committed when a person or organization defrauds the Medicare system in order to obtain funds or services. The most common types of Medicare fraud committed by health care providers include false billing, over-billing, billing for services not rendered, or for the same procedure multiple times, or billing for phantom patients. Medicare fraud committed by individuals is usually to obtain medical benefits to which they are not entitled, and may include providing false information on applications, lying about injuries or age, or committing identity theft by using another person's name or social security number.

## Medicare Fraud Defense Attorney

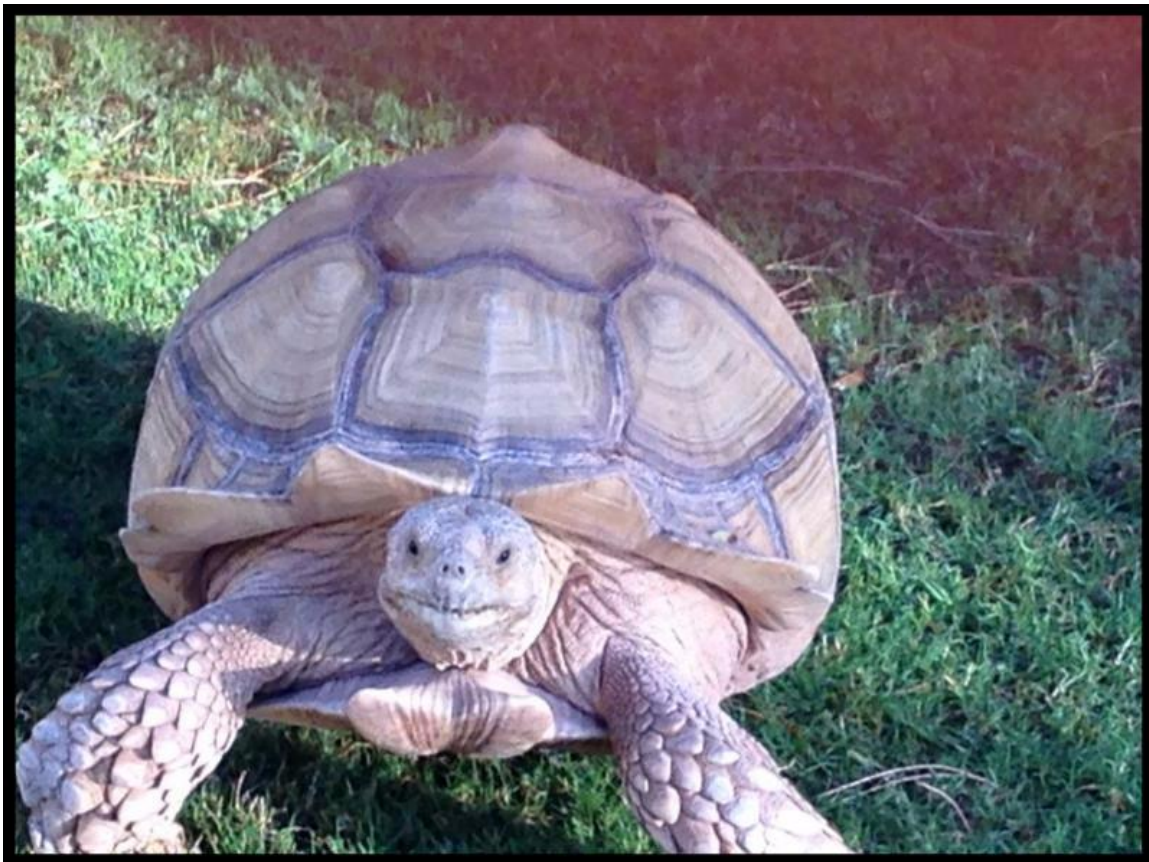
Allegations of health care fraud can cause significant damage to your personal and professional reputation. Conviction of Medicare fraud or other health care fraud can result in harsh penalties, fines, even imprisonment. We have the experience and the resources to protect your rights and establish the best possible defense against aggressive prosecution.

[Contact us](#) or call now (480) 219-1366 for a free 30-minute consultation. Have your questions answered and obtain the peace of mind that comes from having a [former Assistant U.S. Attorney](#) on your side.

*The attorneys at Ashley D. Adams, PLC handles federal criminal cases throughout the United States, including Arizona, Oklahoma, Utah, and California.*

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## Crush's Corner



Crush is one of our pets, and is an African Sulcata. His lifespan could be anywhere from 50-125 years, and he could grow to be over 100 pounds. He is very social, and sometimes acts naughty, and sneaks in the house. He loves any type of vegetable, especially squash, and likes football a lot. We sometimes paint him our favorite team colors during football season. Crush got lost one time, and we were able to find him at the Herpetological Society because his feet were still

## Happy St. Patrick's Day



In honor of St. Patrick's Day, and my mother's SULLIVAN side of the family, we thought we would share our very favorite recipe from the Buena Vista in San Francisco:

### Ingredients:

6 ounces brewed coffee  
2 sugar cubes  
1 1/2 ounces Irish whiskey (one jigger)  
heavy cream, lightly whipped

### DIRECTIONS

Fill glass with very hot water to pre-heat, then empty.  
Pour hot coffee into hot glass until it is about three-quarters full.  
Drop in two cocktail sugar cubes.  
Stir until the sugar is thoroughly dissolved.  
Add full jigger of Irish Whiskey for proper taste and body.  
Top with a collar of whipped cream by pouring gently over a spoon.  
Enjoy it while piping hot.

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