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## **ORLANDO MAN SENTENCED TO 63 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR MEDICARE FRAUD IN TAMPA**

Tampa, Florida - U.S. District Judge Steven D. Merryday today sentenced Yosdan Castellanos (age 28, of Orlando) to 63 months in federal prison for his participation in a Medicare fraud scheme in Tampa. The Court also ordered Castellanos to pay restitution of \$738,019.00 to the Department of Health and Human Services. Castellanos had pleaded guilty to one count of health care fraud on October 8, 2008.

According to court documents, Castellanos was the owner and president of Florida Med Services, Inc., which purported to be in the business of providing durable medical equipment (primarily ventilators) to Medicare beneficiaries, but in fact simply submitted false and fraudulent claims to Medicare for the equipment throughout 2005 and 2006. Florida Med Services, Inc. maintained a fake storefront location on West Waters Avenue in Tampa. As part of the scheme, Florida Med Services, Inc. used Medicare beneficiaries' unique health care identification numbers and physicians' Medicare identification numbers to fabricate the fraudulent claims. The company did not provide any equipment to any beneficiaries; indeed many of its claims were for beneficiaries who had died. Florida Med Services, Inc. submitted claims totaling more than \$2 million. Medicare paid approximately

\$738,019 to the company as a result of the scheme.

This case was investigated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General. It was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Cherie L. Krigsman.