



## Manhattan Medicaid Fraud Attorneys Arthur Lebedin and Russ Kofman Discusses Fraud in a Healthcare Setting

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Manhattan Medicaid fraud attorneys Arthur Lebedin and Russ Kofman release a new article (<https://www.lebedinkofman.com/practice-areas/criminal-defense/fraud/healthcare-fraud/>) explaining Medicaid fraud in New York. The lawyers mention that anyone who executes a scheme to fraud any healthcare benefit to obtain money is guilty of fraud in the healthcare system. If an individual is found to be lying in order to get paid by Medicare, Medicaid, or any other health insurance company, then they are guilty of committing fraud healthcare.

?The government may prosecute an individual for healthcare fraud in many different ways. It may allege that an individual did not provide the services claimed or that the services rendered were not medically necessary. Additionally, it may allege that the individual charged more for the services rendered or that the services were based upon an illegal kickback arrangement,? says the article from the Manhattan healthcare fraud defense lawyers.

Attorney Arthur Lebedin explains that in order for someone to be convicted of healthcare fraud they must prove two things. They must first prove there was fraud in a program that provides healthcare benefits and that they were knowingly and willingly executed.

Criminal defense attorney Russ Kofman adds that healthcare fraud can take many forms. This includes medical identity theft and billing for unneeded services, items, or services, as well as billing for items or services not furnished. Attorney Kofman says that medical identity theft is the use of someone's medical information to obtain illegally healthcare services or money.

The lawyers also point out in the article that healthcare fraud can be distinguished from making mistakes. A person can be charged with fraud in healthcare if they know they have been involved in schemes to create falsehoods in order to gain money. Fraud does not cover situations in which a patient is charged more because of a mistake.

According to attorney Kofman, "A conviction under 18 USC §1347 can have serious consequences. Healthcare fraud is punishable by a prison sentence of up to 10 years. A criminal penalty can result in fines, imprisonment, and an order for restitution. This is to compensate the victim for any loss of money due to the scheme Civil penalties usually result in an order to pay restitution but no jail time or fines."

Lastly, attorney Kofman emphasizes the importance of having a skilled lawyer when a person is facing charges of healthcare fraud. An experienced lawyer may be able to help the defendant understand their rights and protect their freedom.

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