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STATEMENT BY NEW YORK STATE INSPECTOR GENERAL CATHERINE LEAHY SCOTT ON TODAY'S GUILTY PLEA BY DEFENDANT JOSEPH CIFFA ON FEDERAL FRAUD CHARGES

“This defendant’s myriad embezzlement schemes knew no bounds. He preyed on vulnerable consumers with fear tactics and he preyed on taxpayers through a brazen fraud enabling him to steal government health care benefits to which he was not entitled, and which were meant only for those truly in need. Today’s plea is the result of an investigation and prosecution culminated through a successful partnership between State and federal law enforcement agencies. I will continue to aggressively investigate these cases and protect New Yorkers from such egregious fraud and abuse.”

Note: Inspector General Leahy Scott investigated allegations in this case involving defendant Ciffa obtaining \$13,011 in Medicaid benefits for himself and his family to which he was not entitled.

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