

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on April 24, 2001, Dr. Whitney B. Freeman, a former chiropractor, was sentenced in U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland, OH, to 10 months confinement (5 months at a halfway house, 5 months home arrest), followed by 3 years of supervised probation, ordered to make restitution of \$6,071 and pay a special assessment of \$100. On January 23, 2001, Dr. Freeman pled guilty to charges of making false statements/claims to a Government health care benefit program.

The indictment revealed that between August 1999, and October 1999, Freeman knowingly and willfully executed and attempted to execute a scheme to defraud TRICARE and 17 other health care benefit programs by submitting approximately 123 claims to the health care benefit program for services Freeman had not performed.