

The Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on June 12, 2001, Jack Campo, Fort Pierce, FL, was sentenced to 37 months in prison, ordered to pay \$923,100 restitution, and a special assessment fee of \$800.

An investigation disclosed that between April 1992 and May 1996, Jack Campo, owner of Campo Care Inc., d/b/a Staff Builders Health Care Service (Staff Builders), Port Saint Lucie, FL, received approximately \$442,051 in reimbursements for costs allegedly incurred for overhead expenses and direct patient care affecting TRICARE and Medicare. Also, Jack Campo caused the filing of one or more false claims using the U.S. mail by knowingly and intentionally providing false information to Staff Builders, Lake Success, NY, the parent company, for inclusion in their consolidated cost report. Staff Builders is a home health agency that provides continuing medical care to patients at home that have been discharged from either a hospital or an outpatient care facility. Specifically, Campo received reimbursement from Medicare for falsely reporting furniture, salary costs, Christmas bonuses, and "royalty fees." Further, Jack Campo, with the assistance of his son Brian Campo, paid kickbacks to Drs. Warren Federgreen, Syed Abdullah, and Shahriar Ekbatani, with the expectation of receiving referrals to Campo Care Staff Builders.