

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on December 19, 2001, a Federal grand jury in Salt Lake City, UT, returned a 20-count indictment against Susanne M. Allen, Grantsville, UT, for allegedly submitting false statements relating to health care benefit programs and health care fraud. Allen is a Registered Nurse and owner of the Grantsville Urgent Care Center.

The indictment was the result of an investigation that disclosed Allen misrepresented billings to TRICARE, Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurance programs. Specifically, the billings were for procedures that required the supervision of a physician and a physician did not supervise them. Allen also submitted billings for physicians that either had not yet begun employment, or were no longer employed by Allen.

If convicted, Allen faces a maximum sentence of 5 years in prison and a \$250,000 fine for each count.