



## NEWS... TRENDS... INSIGHTS...

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023

### PUBLIC AWARENESS

#### **TEMP TAG TUESDAY: We bought a fake plate for N.J. Gov. Phil Murphy!**

May 2, 2023, New York, NY -- This time, I got a fraudulent New Jersey temp tag by using the name of the New Jersey governor! Yes, it's Temp Tag Tuesday – my series of open mockery of New Jersey's weak regulations that have allowed a black market in fraudulent license plates to flourish in New York City ...

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### MEDICAL CLAIMS

#### **Lose weight, gain huge debt: N.Y. provider has sued more than 300 patients who had bariatric surgery**

April 20, 2023, New York, NY -- Seven months after Lahavah Wallace's weight loss operation, a New York bariatric surgery practice sued her, accusing her of "intentionally" failing to pay nearly \$18,000 of her bill. Long Island Minimally Invasive Surgery, which does business as the New York Bariatric Group ...

## DRUG DIVERSION

### **Man commits healthcare fraud, operated specialty pharmacies in N.J., N.Y., Tex. and Fla.**

April 28, 2023, New York, NY -- Here's a selection of recent healthcare frauds from New Jersey. On April 17, John Sher of Margate was sentenced to 37 months in prison and ordered to pay \$2.77 million in restitution and \$327,987 in forfeiture for defrauding New Jersey state and local health benefits programs ...

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### **AARP NY: 'Fight Fraud. Shred It!' events help prevent scams of personal information**

April 29, 2023, Rochester, NY -- As tax season concludes and spring cleaning begins, AARP says neither are complete until all outdated documents are safely shredded. On Saturday in Rochester, AARP New York alongside Congressman Joe Morelle hosted a free shredding event to prevent scammers ...

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## MEDICARE/MEDICAID

### **Queens pharmacy owner charged with \$29M healthcare fraud scheme**

May 2 2023, Queens, NY -- Two pharmacy owners, including a man with operations in Flushing, were charged after submitting false claims to Medicare and Medicaid to launder the proceeds, prosecutors said. Dacheng Lu, 44, was arrested Tuesday after filing fraudulent claims to federal health insurance programs ...

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## **New York lawyers, doctor sentenced in \$31M trip-and-fall scheme**

April 27, 2023, New York, NY -- A New York surgeon and two lawyers are the latest professionals to be sentenced for their roles in a massive massive trip-and-fall fraud scheme between 2013 and 2018 that exploited some of the most vulnerable citizens of the New York City area ...

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## **WORKERS COMP**

## **Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg Jr. charges 14 in construction fraud scheme**

May 2, 2023, Manhattan, NY -- Eight people and six companies have been charged in a series of indictments with pervasive fraud and corruption in the construction industry, motivated by "greed at all costs," Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg Jr. said Tuesday while announcing the indictments ...

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