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## **AUTO CLAIMS**

### **Buffalo-area cop allegedly lies wife drove during crash**

June 25, 2020, Tonawanda, NY -- A Town of Tonawanda Police officer and his wife are facing higher charges in connection to an accident that happened in January 2019. Howard M. Scholl, III, 37 was arraigned in county court on one count of falsifying business records in the first degree and one count of insurance fraud in the fifth degree. ...

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## LIFE INSURANCE

### **Broker allegedly submits false policy apps in Rochester**

June 26, 2020, Rochester, NY -- A Rochester-based insurance broker is accused of bilking insurance companies and investors out of nearly \$1 million over a five-year period, the U.S. Attorney's Office announced Friday. Brian Bartz, 38, is charged with wire fraud, attempted wire fraud, and aggravated identity theft. The three charges carry a maximum ...

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## MEDICAL FRAUD

### **Pittsford psych bills for thousands of bogus sessions**

June 18, 2020, Pittsford, NY -- A psychiatrist from Pittsford has pleaded guilty to health care fraud. Prosecutors say he submitted thousands of false claims for psychotherapy-related services he claimed to have provided. Dr. Muhammad Cheema, 47, faces up to 10 years in prison when he is sentenced in October. Prosecutors say Cheema ...

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## FRAUD FIGHTING

### **Blog: Telemed's fraud peril, healing potential**

June 23, 2020, Washington, DC -- My first dose of telemedicine happened a week ago. My primary physician was properly distancing by remote. So we had a half-hour video conversation using his office's secure portal. He did a basic visual checkup on the grainy-looking iMac hookup. The call was time well-spent, good medicine and convenient. ...

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## MEDICAL FRAUD

### **Politicos allegedly hawk false virus tests in Williamsburg**

June 17, 2020, Williamsburg, NY -- Democratic State Senate Candidate Andy Marte and current Assembly District Leader Tommy Torres have been accused of advertising fraudulent antibody testing for Covid-19 at the Williamsburg NYCHA Houses. The event was canceled after a Daily News report Monday night. Tenant Association President at the Williamsburg NYCHA development,

LaVonne McLamb, says their attempt posed a serious threat to her community.

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## MEDICARE

### **Nursing firm to repay \$57M for phantom bills around state**

June 25, 2020, Albany, NY -- The Visiting Nurse Service of New York, one of the largest non-profit home health care agencies in America, said Thursday it will pay \$57 million to settle a federal whistleblower lawsuit over allegations of fraud and patient endangerment. The suit, brought under federal and state False Claims Acts by a senior ...

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## MEDICARE/MEDICAID

### **East Greenbush drug firm allegedly funnels illegal kickbacks**

June 25, 2020, East Greenbush, NY -- Drug maker Regeneron, which employs 3,000 at its East Greenbush manufacturing plant, funneled tens of millions of dollars to a medical-assistance charity as part of a Medicare kickback scheme

to benefit its lucrative vision-loss drug Eylea, according to the U.S. Justice Department. The U.S. Attorney's office in Boston brought a civil complaint against Regeneron ....

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