

## Medicaid Fraud Report March 1996

### Psychiatrists: Florida

Attorney General Butterworth announced a civil settlement in the matter of Dr. **Lewis Brodsky**, a psychiatrist working in Tallahassee, Florida. The Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigated this case after review of Dr. Brodsky's Medicaid claims revealed an unusually high number of billings for initial hospital care services. This investigation revealed that Dr. Brodsky's staff negligently billed all services rendered as initial visits, as opposed to subsequent visits which are reimbursed at lower rate.

In lieu of facing suit pursuant to Florida's False Claims Act, Dr. Brodsky entered into a settlement agreement with the Attorney General's Office, resulting in reimbursement and penalties to the State of Florida in the amount of \$22,000.

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