

U.S. Accuses UnitedHealth of Medicare Advantage Fraud

The U.S. Justice Department has accused UnitedHealth Group Inc. of obtaining inflated payments from the government based on inaccurate information about the health status of patients enrolled in its largest Medicare Advantage Plan, **Reuters is reporting.**

The accusation against the company is the latest, following separate lawsuits in two separate whistleblower lawsuits against the country's largest health insurer.

"Medicare Advantage, an alternative to the standard fee-for-service Medicare in which private insurers manage health benefits, is the fastest growing form of government healthcare, with enrollment of 18 million people last year," writes reporter **Nate Raymond.**

A UnitedHealth spokesman said the company rejects the claims and will contest them vigorously.

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