

Ex-WellCare General Counsel Pleads Guilty in Florida Medicaid Case

Reuters is reporting that an ex-general counsel of insurer WellCare Health Plans Inc. pleaded guilty on Wednesday in federal court in Tampa to having made a false statement to Florida's Medicaid program, prosecutors said, the latest former executive to be convicted in the case.

Thaddeus Bereday, indicted along with four other former WellCare executives in 2011, faces a maximum of five years in prison.

"Bereday's plea came after the U.S. Supreme Court in April declined to hear an appeal by former WellCare Chief Executive Todd Farha of his fraud conviction for his role in a scheme to cheat the Medicaid health insurance program for the poor," writes reporter **Nate Raymond**.

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