

Florida's Largest Nursing Home Company, Faces Quarter-Billion-Dollar Fraud Judgment

"Florida's largest nursing home provider is again facing a quarter-billion-dollar judgment for fraud," reported with updates in *The St. Augustine Record* by Ryan Mills Naples of the *Naples News*.

"An appeals court last week affirmed part of a jury's finding that Consulate Health Care, which operates a tenth of all Florida nursing homes, systematically defrauded the government by providing medically unnecessary treatments to patients."

"While calling the judgment 'huge,' one industry watcher predicted that Consulate homes will continue operating, even if the company continues to appeal the ruling or files for bankruptcy."

"Consulate, based in Maitland, a suburb of Orlando, owns about 70 of Florida's 693 nursing homes, and operates in every metro area. In all, the privately held company owns and controls about 150 nursing homes and assisted living facilities, mostly in the Southeast and the Mid-Atlantic states."

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