

Humana and Roche Settle False Claims Act Lawsuit for \$12.5M

“Sanford Heisler Sharp, LLP announced that Indianapolis-based Roche Diagnostics Corp. and Roche Diabetes Care, Inc. (‘Roche’) and Louisville-based Humana, Inc., Humana Pharmacy, Inc., and Humana Pharmacy Solutions, Inc. (‘Humana’) have agreed to settle a False Claims Act lawsuit brought by a whistleblower relator (‘Relator’) on behalf of the United States. Defendants will pay \$12.5 million to settle the government’s claims, and the Relator will receive a 29% share of the settlement, totaling \$3,625,000,” posts Sanford Heisler Sharp LLP in *GlobeNewswire*.

“Sanford Heisler Sharp represents the Relator who filed the case in 2014 in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois under the whistleblower provisions of the False Claims Act.”

“The Relator, a former employee of Roche Diagnostics, alleged that the Defendants violated the Anti-Kickback Statute and False Claims Act, causing false claims to be submitted to the Medicare Advantage program and defrauding taxpayers. Medicare Advantage health plans (sometimes called Medicare Part C) are Government-funded health plans that are administered by private companies known as Medicare Advantage Organizations.”

Read the article.