United Health Cries Fraud in \$100M Lawsuit Against Team Health

"Insurance company United Health filed a lawsuit against TeamHealth, one of the country's largest emergency services staffing companies, alleging that the company's systematic upcoding has led to more than \$100 million worth of overcharging. Filing the lawsuit in Tennessee's federal district," reports Kara Grant in Med Page Today.

"UnitedHealth charged that TeamHealth has covertly and methodically engaged in a form of healthcare fraud called upcoding, wherein healthcare providers submit a claim to an insurer using a Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code that misrepresents and, more importantly, overvalues the services provided in the emergency room."

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