Physician Sentenced to Prison for Stealing COVID-19 Funds



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The United States Department of Justice issued a press release on June 1, 2023 announcing that a Colorado physician has been sentenced to two and a half years in prison for fraudulently obtaining and misappropriating approximately $250,000 from COVID-19 relief programs. The physician was the supervisory physician at a medical clinic with three offices in Colorado. From March through June 2020 the physician applied for and received government funds for COVID-19 relief from the Accelerated and Advance Payment Program and the Paycheck Protection Program. Both programs were designed to provide emergency financial assistance to medical providers and small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead of utilizing the funds for their intended purposes, the physician diverted the money to cover his own personal expenses.

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