



**MARKETER PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL REMUNERATIONS  
RELATED TO HEALTH CARE FRAUD**

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**Case Number: CA-18-0214-O**

**Web Summary: OIG-WS-2020-342**

Joseph Kieffer, a marketer from Los Angeles, California, pleaded guilty on July 20, 2020, in U.S. District Court, Central District of California, to conspiracy to pay illegal remunerations related to a health care fraud scheme. Kieffer paid kickbacks to patients and to marketers for patient referrals for medically unnecessary compounded drugs. As part of the scheme, Fusion RX Compounding Pharmacy then billed health care providers for the compounded drugs at rates much higher than average medications. The owner of Fusion Rx Compounding Pharmacy was also charged for his role in the scheme. The Amtrak health insurance plan was fraudulently billed approximately \$17,000 as a result of the scheme. Criminal judicial proceedings are pending.