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◆ Encore Rehabilitation Services LLC has agreed to pay \$4.03 million to settle false claims allegations that it caused three Michigan skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) to submit false Medicare claims for rehabilitation therapy services, the Department of Justice (DOJ) said April 10.^[1] The settlement resolves allegations that Encore's policies and practices at the SNFs caused the provision of unreasonable, unnecessary, or unskilled rehab or the recording of therapy minutes as individual therapy when concurrent or group therapy was, in fact, provided, DOJ alleged. The allegations focus on Encore's alleged conduct at the Autumn Woods Health Care Facility in Warren, Michigan, between Sept. 1, 2012, and July 31, 2018; Bay Shores Senior Care & Rehab Center in Bay City, Michigan, from April 1, 2013, to April 6, 2017; and MediLodge of Yale in Yale, Michigan, from Oct. 1, 2010, to April 6, 2017. The case was set in motion by three whistleblowers. Encore didn't admit liability in the settlement.

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