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◆ **Florida Cardiology P.A., Sandeep Bajaj, Karan Reddy, and eight other physicians have agreed to pay \$2 million to settle false claims allegations** that they submitted inflated claims to Medicare and Medicaid and billed for services while the physicians were outside the United States, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Florida said Feb. 13.^[1] “According to the lawsuit and settlement agreement, Dr. Bajaj and Dr. Reddy caused Florida Cardiology to bill for more intravascular stents than were actually inserted into patients; Dr. Bajaj caused Florida Cardiology to bill for radiofrequency ablations that were not performed by him and in some instances, were not performed by a qualifying provider; and all ten physician–defendants caused Florida Cardiology to bill for procedures and services while they were outside the United States,” the U.S. attorney’s office alleged. Florida Cardiology allegedly also submitted false claims to TRICARE, and the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program. The case was set in motion by a whistleblower and the Department of Justice and state of Florida intervened in the qui tam lawsuit with their own complaint.

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