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◆ Pharmacist Gisele Nguyen of Huntington Beach, California, agreed to pay \$3.93 million to settle allegations she billed Medicare medications that were never dispensed, the Department of Justice (DOJ) said March 30.^{[11](#)} DOJ alleged that from Jan. 1, 2014, through Dec. 31, 2018, Nguyen—doing business as Natico Pharmacy, in Garden Grove, California—submitted claims to Medicare Part D for prescription drugs that weren’t dispensed to beneficiaries. “According to the United States, inventory records showed that Natico Pharmacy did not purchase enough of these medications from wholesaler distributors to fill all of the prescriptions billed to Medicare,” the U.S. attorney’s office said. Nguyen didn’t admit liability in the settlement.

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