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◆ Sibley Hospital in Washington, D.C., and its parent company, Johns Hopkins Health System, agreed to pay \$5 million to settle allegations that compensation paid to 10 cardiologists violated the Stark Law between Jan. 1, 2008, and April 19, 2011, the Department of Justice said April 17.<sup>[1]</sup> According to the settlement, the government contends “the compensation Sibley paid the cardiologists to read CV/PV studies constituted a financial relationship that did not satisfy the requirements of any Stark Law exception, including because the payments exceeded fair market value for the services rendered.”<sup>[2]</sup> As a result, the hospital billed Medicare for designated health services referred by the cardiologists. Sibley and Johns Hopkins didn’t admit liability in the settlement, which stems from Sibley’s 2011 self-disclosure to the government.

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