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1 EILEEN M. DECKER United States Attorney 2016 NOV 30 AM 11: 29 LAWRENCE S. MIDDLETON Assistant United States Attorney 3 Chief, Criminal Division JILL FEENEY (California State Bar No. 218506) Assistant United States Attorney 4 Deputy Chief, Major Frauds Section 5 1100 United States Courthouse 312 North Spring Street 6 Los Angeles, California 90012 Telephone: (213) 894-2429 7 Facsimile: (213) 894-6269 E-mail: jill.feeney@usdoj.gov 8 Attorneys for Plaintiff 9 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 10 11 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA No. CR: 16-CR16-0795 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 12 13 Plaintiff, PLEA AGREEMENT FOR DEFENDANT KENNETH GREENLINGER 14 15 KENNETH GREENLINGER, 16 Defendant. 17 18 1. This constitutes the plea agreement between defendant

KENNETH GREENLINGER ("defendant") and the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California (the "USAO") in the above-captioned case. This agreement is limited to the USAO and cannot bind any other federal, state, local, or foreign prosecuting, enforcement, administrative, or regulatory authorities.

DEFENDANT'S OBLIGATIONS

2. Defendant agrees to:

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a. Give up the right to indictment by a grand jury and, at the earliest opportunity requested by the USAO and provided by the Court, appear and plead guilty to a two count information in the form

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attached to this agreement as Exhibit A or a substantially similar form, which charges defendant with Health Care Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1347.

- b. Not contest facts agreed to in this agreement.
- c. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing contained in this agreement.
- d. Appear for all court appearances, surrender as ordered for service of sentence, obey all conditions of any bond, and obey any other ongoing court order in this matter.
- e. Not commit any crime; however, offenses that would be excluded for sentencing purposes under United States Sentencing Guidelines ("U.S.S.G." or "Sentencing Guidelines") § 4A1.2(c) are not within the scope of this agreement.
- f. Be truthful at all times with Pretrial Services, the United States Probation Office, and the Court.
- g. Pay the applicable special assessments at or before the time of sentencing unless defendant lacks the ability to pay and prior to sentencing submits a completed financial statement on a form to be provided by the USAO.
- h. Not seek the discharge of any restitution obligation, in whole or in part, in any present or future bankruptcy proceeding.
- i. Agree to the imposition of the following condition of probation or supervised release: Not own, operate, or work at any medical supply company.
- 3. Defendant understands and acknowledges that as a result of pleading guilty pursuant to this agreement, defendant will be excluded from Medicare, Medicaid, and all Federal health care benefit programs. Defendant agrees to complete and execute all necessary

documents provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, or any other department or agency of the federal government, to effectuate this exclusion within 60 days of receiving the documents. This exclusion will not affect defendant's right to apply for and receive benefits as a beneficiary under any federal health care benefit program, including Medicare and Medicaid.

THE USAO'S OBLIGATIONS

4. The USAO agrees to:

- a. Not contest facts agreed to in this agreement.
- b. Abide by all agreements regarding sentencing contained in this agreement.
- c. At the time of sentencing, provided that defendant demonstrates an acceptance of responsibility for the offenses up to and including the time of sentencing, recommend a two-level reduction in the applicable Sentencing Guidelines offense level, pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1, and recommend and, if necessary, move for an additional one-level reduction if available under that section.
- d. Recommend that defendant be sentenced to a term of imprisonment no higher than the low end of the applicable Sentencing Guidelines range, provided that the offense level used by the Court to determine that range is 19 or higher. For purposes of this agreement, the low end of the Sentencing Guidelines range is that defined by the sentencing table in the United States Sentencing Guidelines, Chapter 5, Part A. However, defendant understands and agrees that it is not a breach of this plea agreement for the government to introduce incriminating evidence or evidence otherwise relevant under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a) at sentencing in order to justify its sentencing recommendation in this case.

Except for criminal tax violations (including 1 e. conspiracy to commit such violations chargeable under 18 U.S.C. 2 § 371), not further criminally prosecute defendant for federal 3 criminal violations arising out of defendant's conduct described in the agreed-to factual basis set forth in paragraph 11 below, 5 including violations of 18 U.S.C. § 1028A (aggravated identity theft 7 for submitting claims using his employees' names). Defendant understands that the USAO is free to criminally prosecute defendant. 8 for any other unlawful past conduct or any unlawful conduct that 9 occurs after the date of this agreement. Defendant agrees that at 10 the time of sentencing the Court may consider the uncharged conduct 11 in determining the applicable Sentencing Guidelines range, the 12 propriety and extent of any departure from that range, and the 13 sentence to be imposed after consideration of the Sentencing 14 Guidelines and all other relevant factors under 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). 15

NATURE OF THE OFFENSE

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5. Defendant understands that for defendant to be guilty of the crime charged in count one and count two, that is, Health Care Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1347, the following must be true: (1) defendant knowingly and willfully devised or participated in a scheme to defraud a health care benefit program; (2) the statements made or facts omitted as part of the scheme were material; (3) defendant acted with intent to defraud; and (4) the scheme involved the delivery of, or payment for, health care benefits, items, or services.

PENALTIES AND RESTITUTION

6. Defendant understands that the statutory maximum sentence that the Court can impose for each violation of Title 18, United

States Code, Section 1347, is: 10 years' imprisonment; a three-year period of supervised release; a fine of \$250,000 or twice the gross gain or gross loss of the offense, whichever is greatest; and a mandatory special assessment of \$100. Defendant understands, therefore, that the total maximum sentence for all offenses to which defendant is pleading guilty is: 20 years' imprisonment; a three-year period of supervised release; a fine of \$500,000 or twice the gross gain or gross loss resulting from the offenses, whichever is greatest; and a mandatory special assessment of \$200.

- 7. Defendant understands that supervised release is a period of time following imprisonment during which defendant will be subject to various restrictions and requirements. Defendant understands that if defendant violates one or more of the conditions of any supervised release imposed, defendant may be returned to prison for all or part of the term of supervised release authorized by statute for the offense that resulted in the term of supervised release, which could result in defendant serving a total term of imprisonment greater than the statutory maximum stated above.
- 8. Defendant understands that, by pleading guilty, defendant may be giving up valuable government benefits and valuable civic rights, such as the right to vote, the right to possess a firearm, the right to hold office, and the right to serve on a jury.

 Defendant understands that once the court accepts defendant's guilty pleas, it will be a federal felony for defendant to possess a firearm or ammunition. Defendant understands that the convictions in this case may also subject defendant to various other collateral consequences, including but not limited to mandatory exclusion from providing services paid for under federal health care benefit

programs for a minimum of five years, suspension or revocation of a professional license, and revocation of probation, parole, or supervised release in another case. Defendant understands that unanticipated collateral consequences will not serve as grounds to withdraw defendant's guilty pleas.

- 9. Defendant understands that, if defendant is not a United States citizen, the felony convictions in this case may subject defendant to: removal, also known as deportation, which may, under some circumstances, be mandatory; denial of citizenship; and denial of admission to the United States in the future. The court cannot, and defendant's attorney also may not be able to, advise defendant fully regarding the immigration consequences of the felony convictions in this case. Defendant understands that unexpected immigration consequences will not serve as grounds to withdraw defendant's guilty pleas.
- pay full restitution to the victim of the offenses to which defendant is pleading guilty. Defendant agrees that, in return for the USAO's compliance with its obligations under this agreement, the Court may order restitution to persons other than the victim of the offenses to which defendant is pleading guilty and in amounts greater than those alleged in the counts to which defendant is pleading guilty. In particular, defendant agrees that the Court may order restitution to any victim of any of the following for any losses suffered by that victim as a result: (a) any relevant conduct, as defined in U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3, in connection with the offenses to which defendant is pleading guilty; and (b) any charges not prosecuted pursuant to this agreement as well as all relevant conduct, as defined in U.S.S.G.

§ 1B1.3, in connection with those charges. The parties currently believe that the applicable amount of restitution is approximately \$1,072,618 but recognize and agree that this amount could change based on facts that come to the attention of the parties prior to sentencing.

FACTUAL BASIS

11. Defendant admits that defendant is, in fact, guilty of the offenses to which defendant is agreeing to plead guilty. Defendant and the USAO agree to the statement of facts provided below and agree that this statement of facts is sufficient to support pleas of guilty to the charges described in this agreement and to establish the Sentencing Guidelines factors set forth in paragraph 13 below but is not meant to be a complete recitation of all facts relevant to the underlying criminal conduct or all facts known to either party that relate to that conduct.

Between approximately January 1, 2008 and April 17, 2015, defendant was the owner and president of Valley Home Medical Supply Company ("Valley Home"), which was located in Canoga Park, California.

During that time period, Valley Home was enrolled as a provider with Medicare, a federal health care benefit program affecting interstate commerce. Medicare provides reimbursement for medically-necessary services to persons aged 65 years and older, and to certain disabled persons. As its business, Valley Home provided durable medical equipment and other medical supplies to Medicare beneficiaries. Valley Home then billed Medicare for the products. However, Medicare would not reimburse Valley Home for products unless: (a) the beneficiary actually received the product; and (b)

the product was medically-necessary, as determined by an appropriate medical professional.

During the period described above, within Los Angeles County, which is within the Central District of California, defendant knowingly and willfully devised, and participated in, a scheme to defraud Medicare. Defendant used his position as the owner and president of Valley Home to access the billing system and create false claims, which he knew would be submitted to Medicare. Specifically, defendant created false claims indicating that beneficiaries had received products when, in fact, they had not received any products.

Defendant also used his position as the owner and president of Valley Home to conceal his fraudulent conduct. When beneficiaries called Valley Home to complain that their benefits statements stated that they had received certain products that they had not received, defendant directed his employees to forward those calls to him. If defendant could not placate the beneficiary, he agreed to withdraw the claim from Medicare, claiming that it was a mistake.

By creating these false claims for products that were not provided, knowing that they would be submitted to Medicare, defendant made material misrepresentations and omissions, meaning that they influenced, or were capable of influencing, Medicare to reimburse Valley Home for products for which it should not have received payment.

Defendant engaged in this scheme with the intent to defraud Medicare, which constitutes a health care benefit program. Defendant engaged in the scheme voluntarily, purposefully, and with knowledge that his conduct, in a general sense, was unlawful.

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Two false and fraudulent claims defendant caused to be submitted were as follows: (1) Claim #114122824410000 on or about May 2, 2014 for \$133.99 for shoulder orthosis purportedly delivered to Medicare beneficiary Y.S., and (2) Claim #115034827207000 on or about February 3, 2015 for \$177.98 for tracheal suction catheters purportedly delivered to Medicare beneficiary N.J. Defendant caused these claims to be submitted knowing that the items were not actually provided to the beneficiaries.

Defendant also created and caused the submission of similarly false and fraudulent claims to other government health care benefit programs, including Medi-Cal. Defendant's creation of these false claims constitutes relevant conduct under the Sentencing Guidelines.

Defendant caused the submission of false and fraudulent claims to Medicare and other government health care benefit programs, including Medi-Cal, that sought reimbursement in the amount of approximately \$1,418,000. As a result of the submission of these false and fraudulent claims, Valley Home was paid approximately \$1,072,618.

Defendant's offenses involved over \$1 million in loss to a government healthcare program. Defendant abused a position of trust in committing these offenses.

SENTENCING FACTORS

12. Defendant understands that in determining defendant's sentence the Court is required to calculate the applicable Sentencing Guidelines range and to consider that range, possible departures under the Sentencing Guidelines, and the other sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a). Defendant understands that the Sentencing Guidelines are advisory only, that defendant cannot have

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any expectation of receiving a sentence within the calculated Sentencing Guidelines range, and that after considering the Sentencing Guidelines and the other § 3553(a) factors, the Court will be free to exercise its discretion to impose any sentence it finds appropriate up to the maximum set by statute of the crimes of conviction.

13. Defendant and the USAO agree to the following applicable Sentencing Guidelines factors:

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                                                [U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1]
Base Offense Level
                                       [U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(b)(1)(H)]
Loss Between $550,000 and $1.5M +14
                                          [U.S.S.G. § 2B1.1(b)(7)]
Over $1M in Health Care Fraud
                                  +2
Abuse of Position of Trust
                                  +2
                                              [U.S.S.G. § 3B1.3]
                                                [U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1]
Acceptance of Responsibility
                                  -3
                                         [Booker v. United States,
Variance
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                                              543 U.S. 220 (2005)]
Total Offense Level
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The USAO will agree to a two-level downward adjustment for acceptance of responsibility (and, if applicable, move for an additional one-level downward adjustment under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1(b)) only if the conditions set forth in paragraph 4(c) are met and if defendant has not committed, and refrains from committing, acts constituting obstruction of justice within the meaning of U.S.S.G. § 3C1.1, as discussed below. Subject to paragraph 26 below, defendant and the USAO agree not to seek, argue, or suggest in any way, either orally or in writing, that any other specific offense characteristics, adjustments, or departures relating to the offense level be imposed. Defendant agrees, however, that if, after signing this agreement but prior to sentencing, defendant were to commit an act, or the USAO

were to discover a previously undiscovered act committed by defendant prior to signing this agreement, which act, in the judgment of the USAO, constituted obstruction of justice within the meaning of U.S.S.G. § 3C1.1, the USAO would be free to seek the enhancement set forth in that section and to argue that defendant is not entitled to a downward adjustment for acceptance of responsibility under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1.

- 14. Defendant understands that there is no agreement as to defendant's criminal history or criminal history category.
- with the investigation, the government agrees to a three-level variance under <u>Booker v. United States</u>, 543 U.S. 220 (2005).

 Defendant agrees not to seek, argue, or suggest in any way, either orally or in writing, that the Court grant him a larger variance in whole or in part based on extraordinary cooperation or acceptance of responsibility. Defendant further agrees not to seek, argue, or suggest in any way, either orally or in writing, that the Court grant him any variance based on any claim relating to the loss amount, including, but not limited to, any claim that the Sentencing Guidelines overstate his culpability based on the calculation of loss or that the loss is not correctly calculated.
- 16. Except as limited by paragraph 15, defendant reserves the right to argue for a sentence outside the sentencing range established by the Sentencing Guidelines based on the factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(6), and (a)(7).

WAIVER OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

17. Defendant understands that by pleading guilty, defendant gives up the following rights:

- a. The right to persist in a plea of not guilty.
- b. The right to a speedy and public trial by jury.
- c. The right to be represented by counsel -- and if necessary have the court appoint counsel -- at trial. Defendant understands, however, that, defendant retains the right to be represented by counsel -- and if necessary have the court appoint counsel -- at every other stage of the proceeding.
- d. The right to be presumed innocent and to have the burden of proof placed on the government to prove defendant guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.
- e. The right to confront and cross-examine witnesses against defendant.
- f. The right to testify and to present evidence in opposition to the charges, including the right to compel the attendance of witnesses to testify.
- g. The right not to be compelled to testify, and, if defendant chose not to testify or present evidence, to have that choice not be used against defendant.
- h. Any and all rights to pursue any affirmative defenses, Fourth Amendment or Fifth Amendment claims, and other pretrial motions that have been filed or could be filed.

WAIVER OF APPEAL OF CONVICTION

18. Defendant understands that, with the exception of an appeal based on a claim that defendant's guilty pleas were involuntary, by pleading guilty defendant is waiving and giving up any right to appeal defendant's convictions on the offenses to which defendant is pleading guilty.

LIMITED MUTUAL WAIVER OF APPEAL OF SENTENCE

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- Defendant agrees that, provided the Court imposes a total term of imprisonment on all counts of conviction of no more than 37 months' imprisonment, defendant gives up the right to appeal all of the following: (a) the procedures and calculations used to determine and impose any portion of the sentence; (b) the term of imprisonment imposed by the Court; (c) the fine imposed by the Court, provided it is within the statutory maximum; (d) the amount and terms of any restitution order, provided it requires payment of no more than \$1,072,618; (e) the term of probation or supervised release imposed by the Court, provided it is within the statutory maximum; and (f) any of the following conditions of probation or supervised release imposed by the Court: the conditions set forth in General Orders 318, 01-05, and/or 05-02 of this Court; the drug testing conditions mandated by 18 U.S.C. §§ 3563(a)(5) and 3583(d); and any additional conditions of probation or supervised release agreed to by defendant in paragraph two of this plea agreement.
- 20. The USAO agrees that, provided (a) all portions of the sentence are at or below the statutory maximum specified above and (b) the Court imposes a term of imprisonment of no less than 30 months' imprisonment, the USAO gives up its right to appeal any portion of the sentence, with the exception that the USAO reserves the right to appeal the amount of restitution ordered if that amount is less than \$1,072,618.

RESULT OF WITHDRAWAL OF GUILTY PLEA

21. Defendant agrees that if, after entering guilty pleas pursuant to this agreement, defendant seeks to withdraw and succeeds in withdrawing defendant's guilty pleas on any basis other than a

claim and finding that entry into this plea agreement was involuntary, then (a) the USAO will be relieved of all of its obligations under this agreement; and (b) should the USAO choose to pursue any charge that was either dismissed or not filed as a result of this agreement, then (i) any applicable statute of limitations will be tolled between the date of defendant's signing of this agreement and the filing commencing any such action; and (ii) defendant waives and gives up all defenses based on the statute of limitations, any claim of pre-indictment delay, or any speedy trial claim with respect to any such action, except to the extent that such defenses existed as of the date of defendant's signing this agreement.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF AGREEMENT

22. This agreement is effective upon signature and execution of all required certifications by defendant, defendant's counsel, and an Assistant United States Attorney.

BREACH OF AGREEMENT

23. Defendant agrees that if defendant, at any time after the effective date of this agreement, knowingly violates or fails to perform any of defendant's obligations under this agreement ("a breach"), the USAO may declare this agreement breached. All of defendant's obligations are material, a single breach of this agreement is sufficient for the USAO to declare a breach, and defendant shall not be deemed to have cured a breach without the express agreement of the USAO in writing. If the USAO declares this agreement breached, and the Court finds such a breach to have occurred, then: (a) if defendant has previously entered guilty pleas pursuant to this agreement, defendant will not be able to withdraw

the guilty pleas, and (b) the USAO will be relieved of all its obligations under this agreement.

- 24. Following the Court's finding of a knowing breach of this agreement by defendant, should the USAO choose to pursue any charge that was either dismissed or not filed as a result of this agreement, then:
- a. Defendant agrees that any applicable statute of limitations is tolled between the date of defendant's signing of this agreement and the filing commencing any such action.
- b. Defendant waives and gives up all defenses based on the statute of limitations, any claim of pre-indictment delay, or any speedy trial claim with respect to any such action, except to the extent that such defenses existed as of the date of defendant's signing this agreement.
- defendant, under oath, at the guilty plea hearing (if such a hearing occurred prior to the breach); (ii) the agreed to factual basis statement in this agreement; and (iii) any evidence derived from such statements, shall be admissible against defendant in any such action against defendant, and defendant waives and gives up any claim under the United States Constitution, any statute, Rule 410 of the Federal Rules of Evidence, Rule 11(f) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, or any other federal rule, that the statements or any evidence derived from the statements should be suppressed or are inadmissible.

COURT AND PROBATION OFFICE NOT PARTIES

25. Defendant understands that the Court and the United States
Probation Office are not parties to this agreement and need not

accept any of the USAO's sentencing recommendations or the parties' agreements to facts or sentencing factors.

- 26. Defendant understands that both defendant and the USAO are free to: (a) supplement the facts by supplying relevant information to the United States Probation Office and the Court, (b) correct any and all factual misstatements relating to the Court's Sentencing Guidelines calculations and determination of sentence, and (c) argue on appeal and collateral review that the Court's Sentencing Guidelines calculations and the sentence it chooses to impose are not error, although each party agrees to maintain its view that the calculations in paragraph 13 are consistent with the facts of this case. While this paragraph permits both the USAO and defendant to submit full and complete factual information to the United States Probation Office and the Court, even if that factual information may be viewed as inconsistent with the facts agreed to in this agreement, this paragraph does not affect defendant's and the USAO's obligations not to contest the facts agreed to in this agreement.
- 27. Defendant understands that even if the Court ignores any sentencing recommendation, finds facts or reaches conclusions different from those agreed to, and/or imposes any sentence up to the maximum established by statute, defendant cannot, for that reason, withdraw defendant's guilty plea, and defendant will remain bound to fulfill all defendant's obligations under this agreement. Defendant understands that no one -- not the prosecutor, defendant's attorney, or the Court -- can make a binding prediction or promise regarding the sentence defendant will receive, except that it will be within the statutory maximum.

NO ADDITIONAL AGREEMENTS 1 28. Defendant understands that, except as set forth herein, 2 there are no promises, understandings, or agreements between the USAO 3 and defendant or defendant's attorney, and that no additional 4 promise, understanding, or agreement may be entered into unless in a 5 writing signed by all parties or on the record in court. 6 PLEA AGREEMENT PART OF THE GUILTY PLEA HEARING 7 29. The parties agree that this agreement will be considered 8 part of the record of defendant's guilty plea hearing as if the 9 entire agreement had been read into the record of the proceeding. 10 AGREED AND ACCEPTED 11 UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE 12 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF 13 CALIFORNIA 14 EILEEN M. DECKER United States Attorney 15 16 17 Assistant United States Attorney 18 19 20 GREENLINGER 21 Defendant 22 Date 23 MARC S. HARRIS 24 Attorney for Defendant 25 KENNETH GREENLINGER 26 27

CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT

I have read this agreement in its entirety. I have had enough time to review and consider this agreement, and I have carefully and thoroughly discussed every part of it with my attorney. I understand the terms of this agreement, and I voluntarily agree to those terms. I have discussed the evidence with my attorney, and my attorney has advised me of my rights, of possible pretrial motions that might be filed, of possible defenses that might be asserted either prior to or at trial, of the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), of relevant Sentencing Guidelines provisions, and of the consequences of entering into this agreement. No promises, inducements, or representations of any kind have been made to me other than those contained in this agreement. No one has threatened or forced me in any way to enter into this agreement. I am satisfied with the representation of my attorney in this matter, and I am pleading guilty because I am guilty of the charges and wish to take advantage of the promises set forth in this agreement, and not for any other

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CERTIFICATION OF DEFENDANT'S ATTORNEY

I am KENNETH GREENLINGER's attorney. I have carefully and thoroughly discussed every part of this agreement with my client. Further, I have fully advised my client of his rights, of possible pretrial motions that might be filed, of possible defenses that might be asserted either prior to or at trial, of the sentencing factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), of relevant Sentencing Guidelines provisions, and of the consequences of entering into this agreement. To my knowledge: no promises, inducements, or representations of any kind have been made to my client other than those contained in this agreement; no one has threatened or forced my client in any way to enter into this agreement; my client's decision to enter into this agreement is an informed and voluntary one; and the factual basis set forth in this agreement is sufficient to support my client's entry of a guilty plea pursuant to this agreement.

MARC S. HARRIS

Attorney for Defendant KENNETH GREENLINGER

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Exhibit A

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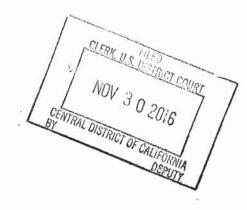
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

KENNETH GREENLINGER,

Defendant.

CR No. 16-

INFORMATION

[18 U.S.C. § 1347: Health Care Fraud; 18 U.S.C. § 2(b): Causing an Act to be Done]

The United States Attorney charges:

[18 U.S.C. §§ 1347 and 2(b)]

A. INTRODUCTORY ALLEGATIONS

- 1. From about 1995 to the date of this Information, defendant KENNETH GREENLINGER ("defendant GREENLINGER") has been the owner and operator of Valley Home Medical Supply Company ("Valley Home"), a supplier of durable medical equipment ("DME") and other medical services and supplies, located in Canoga Park, Los Angeles County, California, within the Central District of California.
- 2. Prior to January 1, 2008, defendant GREENLINGER executed and submitted an application to Medicare to obtain a Medicare provider number for Valley Home.

- 3. At all times relevant to this Information:
- a. Medicare was a federal health care benefit program affecting interstate commerce that provided benefits to individuals who were aged 65 years and older and to certain disabled individuals. Medicare was administered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS"), a federal agency under the United States Department of Health and Human Services.
- b. CMS contracted with private insurance companies to:

 (1) certify DME providers for participation in the Medicare program

 and monitor their compliance with Medicare standards; (b) process and

 pay claims; and (c) perform program safeguard functions, such as

 identifying and reviewing suspect claims.
- c. Individuals who qualified for Medicare benefits were referred to as Medicare "beneficiaries." Each Medicare beneficiary was given a Health Identification Card containing a unique identification number ("HICN").
- d. DME companies, physicians, and other health care providers that provided medical services that were reimbursed by Medicare were referred to as Medicare "providers."
- e. To obtain payment from Medicare, a DME company first had to apply for, and obtain, a provider number. By signing the provider application, the DME company agreed to abide by the Medicare rules and regulations.
- f. If Medicare approved a DME company's application, Medicare would assign the provider a Medicare provider number,

- g. From in or about October 2006 through the date of this Information, Noridian Administrative Services processed and paid Medicare DME claims in Southern California.
- h. In order to bill Medicare for DME it provided to a beneficiary, a DME provider was required to submit a claim (Form 1500). Medicare required claims to be truthful, complete, and not misleading. In addition, when a claim was submitted, the provider was required to certify that the services or supplies covered by the claim were actually provided and were medically-necessary.
- i. Most DME providers, including Valley Home, submitted their claims electronically pursuant to an agreement with Medicare that electronic claims submitted would be accurate, complete, and truthful.
- j. Medicare required a claim for payment to set forth, among other things, the respective beneficiary's name and HICN, the type of DME provided to the beneficiary, the date the DME was provided, and the name and unique physician identification number or national provider identifier of the physician who prescribed or ordered the DME.
- k. Medicare paid DME providers only for DME that was medically-necessary to the treatment of a beneficiary's illness or injury, was prescribed by a beneficiary's physician, and was provided

in accordance with Medicare regulations and guidelines that governed whether a particular item or service would be paid by Medicare.

B. THE SCHEME TO DEFRAUD

4. Beginning in or about January 2008, and continuing through in or about April 2015, in Los Angeles County, within the Central District of California, and elsewhere, defendant GREENLINGER knowingly, willfully, and with intent to defraud, executed, and attempted to execute, a scheme and artifice: (a) to defraud a health care benefit program, namely, Medicare, as to material matters in connection with the delivery of, and payment for, health care benefits, items, and services; and (b) to obtain money from Medicare by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses and representations and the concealment of material facts in connection with the delivery of, and payment for, health care benefits, items, and services.

C. MEANS TO ACCOMPLISH SCHEME TO DEFRAUD

- 5. The fraudulent scheme operated in substance as follows:
- a. Defendant GREENLINGER would enter claims with false and fraudulent information into Valley Home's billing system, knowing that they would be submitted to Medicare for reimbursement. Specifically, the claims were for DME and other medical products that were not actually delivered.
- b. Defendant GREENLINGER then submitted, and caused the submission, of these false and fraudulent claims to Medicare for DME

and other medical products, knowing that the beneficiaries did not receive the products.

c. When beneficiaries complained that Medicare had been billed for DME and other medical products that they had not, in fact, received, defendant GREENLINGER lulled them and attempted to conceal his scheme to defraud by claiming that it was a billing error and reversing the charges to Medicare.

D. EXECUTIONS OF THE SCHEME TO DEFRAUD

6. On or about the dates set forth below, within the Central District of California and elsewhere, defendant GREENLINGER for the purpose of executing and attempting to execute the fraudulent scheme described above, knowing that the DME or other medical products for which payment was sought had not been provided, knowingly and willfully caused to be submitted to Medicare for payment the

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following false and fraudulent claims purportedly for DME and other medical products:

COUNT	BENEFICIARY	CLAIM NUMBER	DATE CLAIM SUBMITTED	AMOUNT CLAIMED
ONE .	Y.S.	114122824410000	May 2, 2014	\$133.99
TWO	N.J.	115034827207000	February 3, 2015	\$177.98

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