

The Office of the Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on June 1, 2001, James Paul Kalhorn, D.D.S., Colorado Springs, CO, was sentenced in Federal District Court, Denver, CO, to 2 years probation and ordered to pay \$25,000 in restitution and a \$5,000 fine. On February 15, 2001, Kalhorn pled guilty to a one count information charging him with making or causing to be made a false statement or representation involving a Federal health care program. A previous indictment was dismissed upon Kalhorn's plea to the information.

The investigation disclosed that between January 1996 and December 1999, Kalhorn submitted numerous claims to TRICARE's contracted dental carrier, United Concordia Companies Inc. (UCCI), Great West Life, and Delta Dental for the dental procedure of periodontal scaling and root planing that according to medical reviews were not necessary. Periodontal scaling and root planing is a lengthy and intensive dental procedure performed when there is the presence of gum disease and is billed in segments of the mouth or quadrants. Kalhorn submitted claims for quadrants of root planing and scaling for days of service when patients were not present. Kalhorn also submitted periodontal pocket depth charts along with the claims for periodontal scaling and root planing which contained measurements that, according to patients, were not performed by Kalhorn.