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Dear Mr. Kerr:

I am a US citizen. I am board-certified in Internal Medicine and Cardiology till 2015 (can be verified at abim.org). Due to an unfortunate incident (attached and available at: http://www.sachnoffweaver.com/media/media_detail.aspx?type=354&archive=yes&id=812), I am excluded from Medicare/Medicaid by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) under section 1128(a)(1) till 10-23-2010.

The exclusion does provide for a waiver, if the waiver is requested by you, and if I am the sole community practitioner (Internal Medicine) or the sole provider of essential specialized services in a community (Cardiology)(Please see item H4 at <http://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/docs/alertsandbulletins/effectuated.htm>)

I am looking for the assistance of a humanistic person to help me rebuild my life. I request and hope that you would ask the OIG to grant me a waiver. I am willing to serve in an underserved area in your state (available at <http://www.3rnet.org/>)

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely yours,



Krishnaswami (Kris) Sriram, M. D.

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Cardiologist gets probation

Judge rules doctor guilty of criminal fraud

By Matt O'Connor

Tribune staff reporter

Published April 29, 2005

Saying that the evidence had shown a cardiologist from Lake Forest to be a dedicated physician but a poor bookkeeper, a federal judge spared the doctor prison and sentenced him Thursday to 5 years of probation for Medicare fraud.

Federal prosecutors had originally contended that the fraud scheme by Dr. Krishnaswami Sriram exceeded \$15 million in losses, but U.S. District Judge John Darrah on Thursday concluded the loss came to just \$1,258.

Furthermore, Darrah held that the government had failed to prove by a preponderance of the evidence and under relaxed standards of admissibility that Sriram had performed unnecessary and potentially risky cardiac procedures on dozens of patients at a North Side hospital.

"No doubt the stigma from the publicity ... on these unfounded charges is still being felt by the defendant and his family," Darrah said.

Sriram had faced as much as 18 years in prison if Darrah had found that the losses from the fraud totaled the government's original claim of \$15 million.

Sriram's lawyer, Steven A. Miller, himself a former longtime federal prosecutor, blasted the conduct of an assistant U.S. attorney formerly involved in the case as unprofessional and unethical.

"I'm not in the habit of criticizing the U.S. attorney's office," Miller said. "I spent 18 years here and have deep affection for this office.

"But in this case a prosecutor formed a view of a defendant, and I think the evidence is irrefutable that she manipulated the entire investigative process so as to create ... incriminating evidence, and on its face it's god-awful," Miller said.

But a prosecutor denied the allegations of misconduct on the part of the government and contended the claims were part of a strategy by the defense to deflect attention from Sriram's wrongdoing.

Charged with 64 counts, Sriram pleaded guilty in 2002 to one count each of mail fraud, health-care fraud and tax fraud, admitting he billed insurers for certain tests, services and procedures that weren't performed.

Darrah presided over an extensive sentencing hearing that lasted on and off for three months and included testimony from seven experts and a number of patients who praised Sriram's quality of care.

Assistant U.S. Atty. David Weisman said Sriram's misconduct was wide-ranging, but Miller contended that the doctor never had the intent to steal any money but was simply "over his head on the bookkeeping."

Darrah agreed, saying the evidence showed that Sriram was "concerned with the well-being of his patients" and appeared to be "a dedicated physician."

However, the judge said Sriram was also "chronically inept as a businessman, as a bookkeeper and as an accountant."

"This failure was exacerbated by the high number of patients the defendant was attempting to serve," Darrah said.

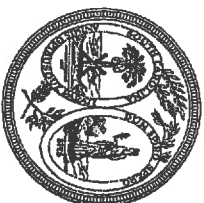
In imposing sentence, Darrah criticized the government for "numerous delays" in the case and for "abuses" in turning over evidence to the defense.

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1974-75	Pre-University Course, University of Madras
1975-81	M. B., B. S., Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery, University of Madras
1981-84	M. D., Doctorate of Medicine University of Madras
Postgraduate/Fellowships:	
1980-81	Resident, General Hospital, University of Madras
1981-81	Postgraduate student/Fellow, Institute for Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases, University of Madras, India
1981-84	Postgraduate student/Fellow in Internal Medicine, General Hospital, University of Madras, India
1984-87	Ph. D. student, University of Madras, India
1987-88	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Northwestern Healthcare Evanston Hospital, Evanston, IL 62501
1988-89	Intern, Internal Medicine, Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center, New York Medical College, Bronx, NY 10466
1989-91	Resident, Internal Medicine, Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center, New York Medical College, Bronx, NY 10466
1991-94	Fellow, Invasive and Non-Invasive Cardiology University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65212
1994-95	Fellow, Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology, Illinois Masonic Medical Center, Chicago, IL 60657.
Work Experience:	
1984-87	Physician, Government of India, Indian Council for Medical Research.
1990-91	Part-time Emergency Room Physician, Various Jersey City Hospitals, NJ
1991-91	Locum Tenens Internist, Indian Health Service, Lawton, OK
1991-94	Part-time Emergency Room Physician, Various Hospitals, MO.
1994-96	Part-time Emergency Room Physician, Various Chicago Hospitals, IL
1995-	Private practice in Internal Medicine and Cardiology President, Home Doctors, Chicago, IL
Licensure:	Illinois (Active)
Awards and Honors:	
1976	Certificate of Honor in Biochemistry
1976	The Association of Anatomists Consolation Prize
1977	The Venkatesan Pillai Gold Medal and Prize in Medicine,

	University of Madras
1977	The George Smith Gold Medal and Prize in Pathology, University of Madras
1979	The Price Memorial Prize in Medicine, University of Madras
1980	Awarded ten distinctions, University of Madras
1981	Privileges conferred by the Medical Council of India
1981	Certificate of Commendation, Indian Medical Association
1982	Certificate of Commendation, Institute for Endocrinology, Zagreb, Yugoslavia (Course conducted in India)
1984	Presented a thesis on "Cor Pulmonale" University of Madras
1984	Approved to the Foreign Assignments Panel, Government of India
1993	Competitive Travel Grant, Society for Hypertension, New York
1993	Third Place, Research Category, 1993 Missouri Chapter of the American College of Physicians Associates Competition
1994	Certificate of Course Completion, "Pacing for Practicing Cardiologists" Medtronic Incorporated
Membership in Professional Societies:	
1981	Elected Fellow and to the Scientific Council of the International Council for Angiology
1981	Elected Fellow and to the Scientific Council of the Academy of General Education
1981	Elected Fellow and to the Scientific Council of the Royal Society for Health
1981	Member, American Association for the Advancement of Science
1992	Member, Midwest Society for Clinical Research
1993	Member, International Society for Hypertension
1993	Associate, American College of Physicians
1993	Affiliate in training, American College of Cardiology
Editorial Boards:	
1981-1987	Special contributor to "The Antiseptic"
Books written:	
1993	In the book "Angiotensin and the heart", co-wrote a chapter entitled "Myocardial Fibrosis: role of angiotensin II and aldosterone" with K.T. Weber. Edited by H. Grobeger. Steinkopff Verlag Darmstadt 1993. Pages 107-124
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12.	Sriram, K., Jones, A. W., and Weber, K. T. Angiotensin-II and Endothelin-1 induced changes in adult rat cardiac fibroblasts k+ transport. American J Hypertension. 1993;6:5:67A
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14.	Sriram, K., Jones, A. W., and Weber, K. T. K+ transport in cardiac fibroblasts: Response to corticosterone in the presence of carbenoxolone. American J Hypertension. 1993;6:5:68A
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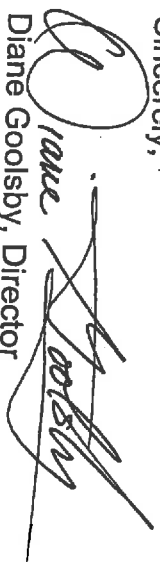
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Re: Request for exclusion waiver

Dear Dr. Sriram:

I am in receipt of your letter pertaining to a request for an exclusion waiver. Due to the fact your SC Medicaid Provider ID, G51849, is in involuntarily terminated status, and you have been excluded from providing Medicaid/ Medicare services by the HHS Office of the Inspector General, we are unable to request a waiver on your behalf.

Sincerely,


Diane Goolsby, Director
Division of Program Integrity

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