

The Office of Inspector General (OIG), Department of Defense (DoD), announced today that on August 2, 2000, the United States Attorney's Office, Middle District of Florida, Orlando, FL, entered into a settlement agreement with Dialysis Holdings Laboratory Services, Inc. (DHLSI), Deland, FL, formerly known as Vivra Laboratory Services, Inc.

The agreement was the result of an investigation of allegations that DHLSI defrauded TRICARE, Medicare and Medicaid by billing for laboratory services that were medically unnecessary, double billing Medicare Part B for tests that were included in the composite rate paid by Medicare Part A. The settlement required DHLSI to pay \$13,186,340 as reimbursement to the U.S. Government.