

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 Gambro Healthcare Laboratory Services, Inc. (Gambro), Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

The agreement was the result of an investigation of allegations that Gambro 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, and unbundling automated blood chemistry tests that were to be billed as a group. The settlement required Gambro to pay \$40,000,000 as reimbursement to the U.S. Government.