

## NYC worker sentenced for faking operations

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NEW YORK - A fired New York City public employee has been sentenced to six months of home confinement for falsely claiming a \$30,000 benefit for brain surgery. A judge also imposed three years of probation for Michael Biscotti and ordered him to repay the money, the New York Post reported. "Mr. Biscotti is deeply remorseful for his involvement in that conduct," his lawyer, Edgardo Ramos said at Wednesday's sentencing in federal court. Biscotti got involved in a scheme organized by a medical billing technician who accessed genuine claims and substituted other people's information. Charles Pritchett, who split the proceeds with the false claimants, allegedly defrauded Group Health Inc. of \$300,000 and has been sentenced to two years in prison. Prosecutors said Biscotti made false claims that he and his wife had both had brain operations.

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