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If you work in healthcare and spoke up about billing that didn't add up, you may have learned a hard truth: hospital systems often go after the messenger instead of fixing the problem.

Medicare and Medicaid billing fraud — like charging for a full hour when a patient was seen for only ten minutes — happens more often than most people realize, and employees who raise concerns frequently face retaliation for doing the right thing.

North Carolina whistleblower attorney Kathryn Abernethy sees this pattern more in medicine and healthcare than in any other industry across the state. In her latest video, she explains why the healthcare sector is so ripe for retaliation, what improper billing practices to watch for, and how you can protect yourself when you decide to speak up.

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The healthcare industry presents unique challenges that make it particularly vulnerable to whistleblower cases. High-pressure environments, complex billing systems, and the sheer volume of transactions create opportunities for errors or intentional misconduct. From fraudulent coding practices to improper use of medical reimbursement programs, these actions not only violate ethical standards but can also lead to significant financial and legal consequences for organizations.

Unfortunately, employees who choose to uncover these violations often face intimidation, termination, or other forms of retaliation. Many feel isolated or unsure of how to proceed once they witness wrongdoing. This is why understanding whistleblower protections and seeking legal support are crucial.

Knowing your rights under statutes like the False Claims Act can empower you to act decisively and safeguard both your career and your integrity. If you need help legally protecting yourself as a whistleblower, the attorneys at Barrett & Farahany can help.

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