



Massachusetts company charged with workers' compensation health care fraud in Texas

Texas Mutual Insurance Company recently reported that EME International Inc. (EME) of Marblehead, Massachusetts, pleaded guilty to a third-degree felony on workers' compensation fraud-related charges. A Travis County District Court ordered the company to pay \$30,000 in restitution to Texas Mutual.

Texas Mutual investigated EME, an entity that coordinates impairment ratings and functional capacity evaluations (FCEs) in Texas. Texas Mutual's investigation alleged, in part, that EME used unlicensed providers to perform FCEs and overbilled Texas Mutual. Two unlicensed providers, Marcos Ricoy and Enrique Colon, performed the majority of EME's FCEs and reported that FCEs took the maximum four hours to perform. Texas Mutual's investigation revealed face-to-face time with injured workers was less than the time reported, resulting in inflated billing.

Previously, Marcos Ricoy of Harlingen, Texas, pleaded no contest to engaging in organized criminal activity involving workers' compensation fraud on May 16, 2018. A Travis County District Court ordered Ricoy to serve three years deferred adjudication, complete 120 community service hours, and pay \$10,000 in restitution to Texas Mutual. Enrique Colon of Deer Park, Texas, pleaded no contest to engaging in organized criminal activity involving workers' compensation fraud on July 6, 2018. A Travis County District Court ordered Colon to serve three years deferred adjudication, participate in any court ordered treatment or counseling, and pay \$10,000 in restitution to Texas Mutual.

About Texas Mutual Insurance Company

Austin-based Texas Mutual Insurance Company, a policyholder-owned company, is the state's leading provider of workers' compensation insurance. Texas Mutual provides coverage to 43 percent of the market, representing over 70,000 companies, many of which are small businesses. Since 1991, the company has provided a stable, competitively priced source of workers' comp insurance for Texas employers. Helping employers prevent workplace accidents is an important part of Texas Mutual's mission.