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### COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card

Please keep this record card, which includes medical information about the vaccines you have received.

Por favor, guarde esta tarjeta de registro, que incluye información médica sobre las vacunas que ha recibido.

Last Name

First Name

Date of birth

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On April 20, 2023, the Department of Justice (DOJ) [criminally charged](#) eighteen defendants with COVID-19 healthcare fraud schemes. The schemes resulted in \$490 million in false billing to federal programs and theft from federally funded pandemic programs. Defendants charged by the DOJ include:

- A lab owner allegedly added claims for respiratory pathogen panel tests, even though ordering providers and facility administrators did not want or need them.
- A doctor allegedly submitted over 70 fraudulent loan applications through the Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) Program and obtained over \$3 million in loan funds.
- A doctor and a marketer allegedly purchased Medicare beneficiary identification numbers and shipped COVID-19 over-the-counter tests to beneficiaries who did not request the tests, causing over \$8.4 million in claims to Medicare.
- Three medical professionals at a small midwife practice allegedly distributed nearly 2,700 forged COVID-19 vaccination record cards to individuals who were not vaccinated.

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