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**DOCTOR PRACTICING IN DUBLIN CHARGED WITH HEALTH CARE FRAUD,
DISTRIBUTING CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE THROUGH PAIN CREAM SCHEME AND
SUBOXONE CLINIC**

November 2, 2018 - Columbus, Ohio – A federal grand jury has charged a Central Ohio doctor with charges related to a health care fraud scheme that included marketing prescription creams in Sav-a-Lot and low-income neighborhoods and persistently mailing those creams to Medicaid customers, as well as prescribing and distributing Suboxone without medical necessity.

Bernard Oppong, 60, of Blacklick, Ohio was charged in a seven-count indictment on October 30 and is scheduled for an initial appearance in federal court today at 9 am before U.S. District Judge Algenon L. Marbley.

The Board of Pharmacy collaborated on this investigation with the Ohio Attorney General's Office's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of Inspector General, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Cincinnati Division.

This case is being prosecuted as part of the Department of Justice's Opioid Fraud and Abuse Detection Unit. Assistant United States Attorney Flaherty represents the unit in the Southern District of Ohio, which is one of 12 Districts to receive funding for such a prosecutor.

The full release can be found [here](#).

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