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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Ahead; Hospice Fraud Update]

VLADMIR DUTHIERS: And a major update in Adam Yamaguchi's investigation into hospice fraud in California. Dozens of people are charged. We've got the reporting. Do not go away. Stick around.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: Coming Up; Hospice Fraud Update]

GAYLE KING: Coming up, California charges 21 people with stealing millions of taxpayer dollars. We have the latest from a CBS News investigation into allegations of hospice fraud.

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[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: California Hospice Fraud]

NATE BURLESON: We have an update on a CBS News investigation into allegations of sweeping hospice fraud. Prosecutors say California's medicaid program was hit with \$267 million in bogus payments. CBS News reported first that more than 20 suspects are facing charges. Adam Yamaguchi has the latest.

[ON-SCREEN HEADLINE: 21 Suspects Charged in CA Hospice Fraud Probe]

ADAM YAMAGUCHI: Body camera footage first obtained by CBS News shows California Department of Justice officers raiding ten homes and offices in a crackdown of suspected hospice fraud. State Attorney General Rob Bonta says they've charged 21 suspects.

CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL ROB BONTA (D): What will address fraud is us doing the hard work, heads down, sleeves rolled up, doing the investigation, doing the arrests, doing the prosecutions.

YAMAGUCHI: Here's how Bonta describes the alleged scheme. The suspects purchased personal information from the dark web, used it to enroll in California's state-run Medicaid

program, then used 14 hospice companies to bill the government for this phantom care. All of it coming from taxpayers.

BONTA: There were no actual services, no hospice centers.

YAMAGUCHI: For months, CBS News has been uncovering signs of potential hospice fraud. We found one doctor's name on claims for 126 hospices. He wouldn't speak with us. Medicare chief Dr. Mehmet Oz announced on social media they "revoked" that doctor's ability to bill the system. It's become a political flashpoint with Democrats and Republicans trading blame, even as state and federal officials try to work together.

CALIFORNIA DEPT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES TYLER SADWITH: It is a challenging time between some states like California and our federal partners. We remain committed to partnership.

YAMAGUCHI: CBS News has learned those officials are now working through 300 open investigations in California. For *CBS Mornings*, I'm Adam Yamaguchi in Los Angeles.