

Russian Diplomats Accused of U.S. Healthcare Fraud Could Be Spies, Report Says

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Some of the Russian diplomats and their spouses accused by the U.S. authorities of [defrauding a health care program](#) for low-income citizens could be also have engaged in espionage, a news report said.

The FBI has been tracking some of the diplomats believed to have been spying, but failed to collect enough evidence to charge them, CNN reported Monday, citing unidentified counterintelligence investigators.

The numbers, names and details on how and where the diplomats could collect classified American data were not provided.

Most of the diplomats and their family members, who are charged with fraudulently claiming a total of \$1.5 million in benefits from the health care program Medicaid in relations

to maternity costs, have already left the United States. All the accused workers are expected to return to Russia in the near future.

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