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# Urciuoli sentenced to three years in federal prison

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Robert Urciuoli was sentenced to three years in federal prison for conspiracy and mail fraud committed while he was president and CEO of Roger Williams Medical Center in Providence, R.I.

Urciuoli was ordered to surrender to authorities June 15, a spokesman for the U.S. attorney's office in Providence said. Urciuoli also must pay \$30,000 to cover the cost of two years of supervised release when he gets out, during which he is to perform community service, the spokesman said.

Prosecutors said [Urciuoli directed Roger Williams Medical Center to pay then-state Sen. John Celona](#) \$260,000 over the course of six years to push the hospital's interests in the General Assembly and intervene on its behalf in contract negotiations with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Rhode Island and UnitedHealthcare. Urciuoli disguised the scheme by hiring Celona as a consultant to raise community awareness of an affiliated nursing home, according to the indictment.

Urciuoli initially was found guilty on the charges in 2006 and received the same sentence, but the conviction was overturned after an appeals court found that the jury based its conclusions on flawed instructions from the judge. Celona, who cooperated with prosecutors and testified at Urciuoli's first trial, was sentenced to 2½ years for his role.

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