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Victor Walton, a partner in the Vorys Cincinnati office and a member of the litigation group, was quoted in a *Government Contracts Law360* story regarding the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Universal Health Services v. Escobar*.

The story featured the following quote from Walton:

“Defense counsel will obviously be disappointed that the court rejected the condition of payment standard, but the court created a very strict materiality standard. Defendants won't be liable for 'minor or insubstantial' noncompliance and the government's refusal to pay a claim based upon a noncompliance is not conclusive of its materiality. Moreover, the government's continued payment of claims despite knowledge of allegations of noncompliance is 'very strong evidence' that the requirements at issue were immaterial. This suggests that the government's payment of claims after an investigation of a relator's allegations could be grounds for summary judgment.”

To read the entire story, visit the *Law360* website. (Subscription required).