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MEDICAID FRAUD BY HEALTHCARE WORKER SALLY SAELI

Carson City, NV--Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto announced today that Sally Saeli, age 48, was sentenced for Failure to Maintain Adequate Records, a gross misdemeanor offense to which Saeli had pled guilty. District Court Judge James T. Russell sentenced Saeli to 60 days in jail, suspended; payment of \$5,093.00 in restitution, penalties and costs; and three years probation.

"The continued prosecution of this type of crime is sending a message to the health care community that fraudulent activities involving Medicaid recipients will not go unpunished," said General Masto.

The investigation alleged Saeli, then a personal care aide, moved to Arizona in September 2006. While living in Arizona she submitted documentation to her Nevada based employer stating she performed personal care services for a Nevada Medicaid recipient who resided in Gardnerville, Nevada. This continued until early 2007.

Medicaid has a personal care aid program to keep people living independently in their own homes by providing basic services, including bathing, dressing, cleaning and meal preparation. Medicaid contracts with home care companies that in turn employ individuals to provide the actual day-to-day care.

The Nevada Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigates and prosecutes financial fraud by those providing health care services or goods to Medicaid patients. The unit also investigates and prosecutes instances of elder abuse or neglect. Anyone wishing to report suspicions regarding any of these concerns may contact the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit in Carson City 775.684.1191 or in Las Vegas 702.486.3187.

Medicaid fraud information can also be found on the Attorney General's web site:
<http://ag.state.nv.us>.

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