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HEALTHCARE WORKER CONSTANCE EDWARDS SENTENCED FOR MEDICAID FRAUD

Las Vegas – Healthcare worker Constance D. Edwards, age 30, was sentenced today for Medicaid Fraud, Failing to Maintain Billing Records. Edwards pled guilty to the gross misdemeanor offense and was sentenced to one year of probation, 3 days in jail and payment of \$3,111.36 in restitution. The case was investigated and prosecuted by the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit.

"The crime in this case covered a three month period," said Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto. "Detection and prosecution prevented further loss of Medicaid funds."

It was revealed that Ms. Edwards failed to maintain accurate records as to the care she claimed to have provided one of her Medicaid patients. Her billing records were compared to other business records and she was monitored. The investigation showed her to be in locations other than the patient's residence during time periods she claimed to be providing home care service.

The Nevada Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigates and prosecutes instances of financial fraud by those providing healthcare services or goods to Medicaid patients. The unit also investigates and prosecutes 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>