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## **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PROVIDER DEANGELO HENDERSON SENTENCED FOR MEDICAID FRAUD**

**Las Vegas** – The Office of the Nevada Attorney General reports that DeAngelo Henderson has been sentenced for Medicaid Fraud. Henderson pled guilty to a felony offense: Submission of False Medicaid Claims. Henderson was sentenced to 12 to 48 months imprisonment and ordered to pay \$336,000.00 in restitution, penalties, and costs. The case was investigated and prosecuted by the Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU).

Medicaid provides payment to furnish medical supplies that allow people to care for their own medical conditions, gain mobility and maintain hygiene. In January 2009, Nevada Medicaid provided information to the MFCU that Golden Heart Medical Supply (Golden Heart), a medical equipment company operating in Henderson’s name, had submitted and been paid for an unusually high amount of Medicaid claims. Further investigation revealed that Golden Heart’s purported clients did not receive supplies from Golden Heart and were actually clients of other companies. The MFCU discovered that Henderson, through Golden Heart, indeed submitted false claims to Medicaid asserting that Golden Heart provided medical supplies to non-existent clients and received payment for these claims.

“Medical providers who submit false claims are using people in need as pawns in order to steal taxpayer money,” stated Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto. “Offenders will be pursued in order to eliminate fraudulent practices and return stolen money to the Medicaid system. The Medicaid system must be protected, and Medicaid fraud will be punished.”

Persons convicted of Medicaid fraud may also be excluded from future Medicaid participation.

The Nevada Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit investigates and prosecutes financial fraud by those providing healthcare 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>