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ATTORNEY GENERAL MASTO ANNOUNCES SENTENCING OF LAS VEGAS PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto announced that Stephanie Sierad, 43, of Las Vegas, was sentenced today in a Medicaid fraud case involving the submitting of false Medicaid claims.

“Home health care is an important service for these recipients,” said Masto. “My office will continue to investigate and prosecute cases like this to preserve the integrity of services for the individuals who need them.”

Sierad was sentenced for one gross misdemeanor offense of intentional failure to maintain adequate records by District Court Judge Jessie Walsh. Judge Walsh sentenced Sierad to 150 days in jail, suspended, performance of 80 hours of community service and payment of \$2,428 in restitution, penalties, and costs.

An investigation by the Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) revealed that Sierad was providing false documentation for reimbursement to a home health company. The investigation revealed that Sierad had submitted documentation claiming she had provided home health services to Medicaid recipients. The hours Sierad allegedly provided to the Medicaid recipients did not reflect the actual amount of hours she listed on her documentation. Sierad had other employment that conflicted with the times she was allegedly providing services to the Medicaid recipients. The documentation was relied upon by the home health company for submission of claims to Nevada Medicaid.

The fraud occurred between July 2012 and October 2012.

The MFCU investigates and prosecutes financial fraud by those providing healthcare services or goods to Medicaid patients. Persons convicted of Medicaid fraud may also be administratively excluded from future Medicaid and Medicare participation.

The MFCU also investigates and prosecutes instances of elder abuse or neglect. Anyone wishing to report suspicions regarding any of these concerns may contact the MFCU at 702-486-3420 or 775-684-1100. To file a complaint visit our website at www.ag.nv.gov

The case was prosecuted by Andrew Schulke, Senior Deputy Attorney General.



SIERAD, STEPHANIE

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