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Attorney General Laxalt Announces Sentencing of Medicaid Provider

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Adam Paul Laxalt announced that Shana Wickersham, 38, of Las Vegas, was sentenced this week in a Medicaid fraud case. Justice Court Judge Deborah Lippis sentenced Wickersham for one misdemeanor offense of submitting false Medicaid claims. The fraud occurred between October 2012 and April 2014. As part of the sentence, Judge Lippis ordered the payment of \$30,000 in restitution, penalties and costs.

“We will continue to be vigilant in prosecuting fraud and sending the message that abusing the system by endangering patients and ripping off taxpayers will not be tolerated in our state,” said Laxalt. “This office will continue to prosecute individuals who seek to circumvent Medicaid programs.”

Wickersham was both the owner and an employee of Tower Bridge Development Health Center, LLC. An investigation by the Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) revealed that Wickersham lacked documentation for behavioral health services she allegedly provided to Medicaid recipients. The documentation is required to substantiate claims made to Nevada Medicaid for reimbursement. Medicaid recipients also denied that they had received the amount of services allegedly provided by Wickersham.

On behalf of the attorney general and the state, the MFCU investigates and prosecutes financial fraud by those providing healthcare services or goods to Medicaid patients. The MFCU also investigates and prosecutes instances of elder abuse or neglect. Persons convicted of Medicaid fraud may also be administratively excluded from future Medicaid and Medicare participation. Anyone wishing to report suspicious activities



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regarding any of these concerns may contact the MFCU at 702-486-3420 or 775-684-1100. To file a complaint, click [here](#).

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



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