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Attorney General Laxalt Announces Sentencing of Medicaid Provider for Records Offense

Las Vegas, NV – Today, Nevada Attorney General Adam Paul Laxalt announced that Dreana Sweeney, 49, of Las Vegas, was sentenced for one gross misdemeanor charge of intentional failure to maintain adequate records related to Medicaid fraud. The Judge sentenced Sweeney on one gross misdemeanor charge of intentional failure to maintain adequate records. The fraud was committed between March and November 2014.

“This office will not allow Medicaid professionals to cheat the state out of resources reserved for vulnerable individuals,” said Laxalt. “We will continue to aggressively prosecute these crimes to protect our most vulnerable, our taxpayers and the reputations of our professional agencies.”

Eighth Judicial District Court Judge Eric Johnson sentenced Sweeney to 364 days in prison, suspended the sentence and placed her on probation for three years. As part of her sentence, Sweeney was ordered to pay more than \$25,000 in restitution and perform 150 hours of community service.

The investigation began after the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) received information that Sweeney had allegedly not provided mental health services to Medicaid recipients during her employment and ownership of Phases, Inc. The investigation revealed that she had submitted false claims for services that she did not in fact provide. Additionally, Sweeney failed to maintain accurate records for services she allegedly provided to the Medicaid patients.

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 recipients. Persons convicted of Medicaid fraud may also be administratively excluded from future Medicaid and Medicare participation. Anyone wishing to report suspicious activities regarding any related fraud may contact the MFCU at 702-486-3420 or 775-684-1100.

Senior Deputy Attorney General Andrew Schulke prosecuted this case.

To view the criminal Information, click [here](#). To file a complaint with the Office of the Nevada Attorney General, click [here](#).



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