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ATTORNEY GENERAL MASTO ANNOUNCES CONVICTION OF MEDICAID PROVIDER FOR FRAUD

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto announced today that Solange Phillips, 31, of Las Vegas was sentenced for Medicaid Fraud. Phillips pled guilty to and was sentenced for a gross misdemeanor offense of failure to maintain adequate records.

“Phillips failed to keep true and accurate records for Medicaid reimbursement,” said Masto. “It is important that we maintain the integrity of the service and prosecute fraudulent Medicaid providers to ensure recipients continue to receive much needed services”.

District Court Judge David Barker sentenced Phillips to 200 days in jail, suspended, performance of 100 hours of community service and payment of \$7,500 in restitution, penalties, and costs.

An investigation by the Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) revealed that Phillips was providing false documentation for reimbursement to a mental health company. The investigation revealed that Phillips had submitted documentation claiming she had provided mental health services to Medicaid recipients. The hours Phillips allegedly provided to the Medicaid recipients did not reflect the actual amount of hours she listed on her documentation. The documentation was relied upon by the mental health company for submission of claims to Nevada Medicaid. The fraud occurred from September 2012 through May 2013.

Medicaid provides payment, and allocates predetermined amounts of time, for assistance to individuals to gain psychiatric stability, social adjustment and independent living skills.



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The MFCU investigates and prosecutes financial fraud by those providing healthcare services or goods to Medicaid patients, elder abuse and 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 http://ag.nv.gov/Complaints/File_Complaint/.

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



PHILLIPS, SOLANGE

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