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ATTORNEY GENERAL MASTO ANNOUNCES SENTENCING OF LAS VEGAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKER

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto announced that Sherice Joann Williams, 39, of Las Vegas, was sentenced today in a Medicaid fraud case involving the submitting of false Medicaid claims.

“Williams was turning in documentation that services had been provided to a Medicaid recipient,” said Masto. “An investigation showed that no services had been provided. Williams will now spend at least the next year in prison.”

Williams was sentenced for one felony offense of submitting false claims Medicaid fraud by District Court Judge Lee Gates. Walsh sentenced Williams to 12-48 months in prison and payment of \$9,783 in restitution, penalties, and costs.

The case began after information was provided to the Nevada Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) from Nevada Medicaid’s Surveillance and Utilization Review Unit. The information provided alleged that Williams was not providing services to a Medicaid recipient. Even though services were not being provided to this Medicaid recipient, Williams was turning in false documentation alleging that those services had been provided. The investigation found that there were progress notes and subsequent Medicaid claims which were submitted for time periods where the Medicaid recipient was not receiving the behavioral health services.

The fraud occurred between February 2012 and May 2012. Persons convicted of Medicaid fraud may also be administratively excluded from future Medicaid and Medicare participation.

The case was investigated and prosecuted by the MFCU, which 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. Anyone wishing to report suspicions regarding any of these concerns may contact the MFCU at 702-486-3420 or 775-684-1100.

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

Read the criminal information by [clicking here](#).



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