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ATTORNEY GENERAL MASTO ANNOUNCES SENTENCING IN LAS VEGAS MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PROVIDER MEDICAID FRAUD CASE

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto announced today that DeAngelo Henderson, 34, of Las Vegas, was sentenced on Feb. 1 to 12 to 48 months in prison and ordered to repay \$336,000 in restitution, penalties, and costs in a Medicaid fraud case involving Golden Heart Medical Supply (Golden Heart).

“Medical providers who submit false claims are using people, the poor, elderly, and children, who are in actual need, as pawns in order to steal taxpayer money,” said Masto. “The theft that Henderson facilitated and committed severely compromises the integrity of a necessary health care system and hinders delivery of health services to those in financial and medical need. Medicaid fraud will be punished.”

Medicaid provides payment to furnish medical supplies that allow people to care for their own medical conditions, gain mobility and maintain hygiene. In Jan. 2009, Nevada Medicaid provided information to the Attorney General’s Office that Golden Heart, a medical equipment company operating in Henderson’s name, had submitted and been paid an unusually high amount of Medicaid claims.

Further investigation by the office revealed that Golden Heart’s purported clients did not receive supplies from Golden Heart and were actually clients of other companies. Attorney General investigators discovered that Henderson, through Golden Heart, submitted false claims to Medicaid claiming Golden Heart provided medical supplies to non-existent clients and received payment for these claims.

Henderson pled guilty to a felony offense of submission of false Medicaid claims. After being sentenced by Clark County District Court Judge David Barker, Henderson was immediately taken into custody.

The case was investigated and prosecuted by the Nevada Attorney General’s Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU), which investigates and prosecutes financial fraud by those providing healthcare services or goods to Medicaid patients. 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 775-684-1191.

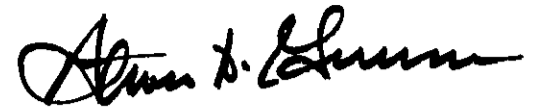
The case was prosecuted by Matthew Jensen, Deputy Attorney General.

Read the criminal information by visiting: <http://bit.ly/Hendersoninfo>



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9 **DISTRICT COURT**
10 **CLARK COUNTY, NEVADA**

11 STATE OF NEVADA,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 DEANGELO HENDERSON,

15 Defendant.

Case No.: C-11-276207-1

Dept. No.: 18

17 **INFORMATION**

18 The State of Nevada, by and through legal counsel, CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO,
19 Nevada Attorney General, and Matthew L. Jensen, Deputy Attorney General, hereby informs
20 the Court that DEANGELO HENDERSON, the above-named Defendant, has committed the
21 criminal offense of Submitting False Medicaid Claims, a Category D Felony in violation of NRS
22 422.540(1)(a) and NRS 422.540(2)(a), within Clark County, State of Nevada as follows:

23 **COUNT 1**
24 **SUBMITTING FALSE MEDICAID CLAIMS**
25 **NRS 422.540(1)(a) and NRS 422.540(2)(a)**
26 **Felony, Category D**

26 Defendant, through a scheme or continuous course of conduct, with intent to defraud,
27 intentionally caused claims to be made for payment from Medicaid that defendant knew were
28 false, to wit

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1 On or about November, 2007, through April, 2009, Defendant maintained an
2 agreement with Medicaid to be a provider of services or goods and operated a business
3 known as Golden Heart Medical Supply ("GHMS") with its principal location at 3380 E. Russell
4 Road, Ste. #104, Las Vegas, Nevada. While so operating, Defendant, through GHMS, did
5 knowingly cause fraudulent bills/claims for reimbursement to be generated and submitted for
6 payment by Medicaid.

7 Regarding Medicaid recipients R.Ra. (Medicaid No. 00-----258), P.S. (Medicaid No.
8 00-----128), N.M. (Medicaid No. 00-----643), R.Ro. (Medicaid No. 00-----570), L.F. (Medicaid
9 No. 00-----332), K.H. (Medicaid No. 70-----001), B.E. (Medicaid No. 00-----726) and/or L.C.
10 (Medicaid No. 45-----001), Defendant submitted several claims to Medicaid under the
11 recipients' Medicaid numbers for reimbursement for providing durable medical equipment
12 goods to the recipients. Defendant's claims to Medicaid portrayed that the recipients were
13 clients of GHMS, asserted that certain goods were provided to the recipients and requested
14 reimbursement. Instead, the recipients were not clients of GHMS and never received such
15 goods from or through GHMS.

16 All of which was committed in the County of Clark, aggregating an amount in excess of
17 \$250.00, and constitutes a category D felony in violation of NRS 422.540.

18 All of which is contrary to the form, force and effect of the statutes in such cases made
19 and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Nevada. Furthermore,
20 complainant makes this declaration subject to the penalty of perjury.

21 DATED this 16th day of September, 2011.

22 CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO
23 Attorney General

24 By: Matthew L. Jensen #5388 Chief Deputy
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