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ATTORNEY GENERAL MASTO ANNOUNCES MEDICAL EQUIPMENT PROVIDER SENTENCED FOR MEDICAID FRAUD

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto announced that Marcia Giller, 76, of Reno, was sentenced for two felony offenses of submission of false medicaid claims. District Court Judge Steven Kosach sentenced Giller to 18 to 48 months imprisonment for each count, to be served consecutively, and additionally ordered Giller to pay \$226,000 in restitution, penalties and costs.

"In addition to jeopardizing the provision of health care to people in need, medical providers who submit fraudulent claims victimize every taxpayer who funds this beneficial and necessary program," said Masto. "The Medicaid system must be protected, and those who commit Medicaid fraud will be punished."

In December 2009, Nevada Medicaid provided information to the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit (MFCU) that AME Home Health Care (AME), a medical equipment company owned and operated by Giller, had submitted and been paid for Medicaid claims that were not supported by required documentation. Medicaid provides payment to medical equipment suppliers who furnish medical supplies that allow people to maintain hygiene, gain mobility and care for their own medical conditions.

Further investigation by the MFCU revealed that, in addition to the lack of supporting documentation, Giller repeatedly submitted claims for persons who did not actually receive supplies from AME. Giller nonetheless continued to submit fraudulent claims and receive payment over the course of several years. Although Giller submitted claims under supposed client names and numbers, those persons were unaware that their Medicaid information was being used in such a way.

The fraud occurred from January 2007 through May 2010.

Persons convicted of Medicaid fraud may also be administratively excluded from future Medicaid participation.

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. 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 775-684-1191.

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

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



GILLER, MARCIA (Photo courtesy of Washoe County Sheriff's Office)

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11	IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT WASHOE COUNTY, STATE OF NEVADA		
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14	THE STATE OF NEVADA,) CASE NO.: CR12-0252	
15	Plaintiff,)) DEPT. NO.: D8	
16	VS.)	
17	MARCIA A. GILLER,		
18	Defendant.	CRIMINAL INFORMATION	
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21	The State of Nevada through Catherine Cortez Masto, Attorney General, by Matthew L. Jensen, Senior Deputy Attorney General, hereby informs the Court and states		
22	that the above-referenced defendant has committed the criminal offenses of: Submission of		
23	False Medicaid Claims, two (2) counts, felonies in violation of NRS 422.540(1)(a), within		
24	Washoe County, State of Nevada as follows:	3 in violation of NH3 422.540(1)(a), within	
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<u>COUNT 1</u> <u>SUBMISSION OF FALSE MEDICAID CLAIMS</u> NRS 422.540 (1)(a) and NRS 422.540 (2)(a) Felony, Category D

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

From prior to January 2007 through June 2010, Defendant maintained an agreement with Medicaid to be a provider of services or goods and operated a business known as Ambulance Service of Reno d/b/a AME Home Health Care ("AME") with its principal location at 395 S. Wells Avenue, Reno, Nevada. While so operating, Defendant, through AME, did knowingly cause fraudulent bills/claims for reimbursement to be generated and submitted for payment by Medicaid as follows:

From January 2007 through May 2010, Defendant submitted several claims to Medicaid for reimbursement under the Medicaid numbers of Medicaid recipients S.D. (Medicaid No. 78-----013), N.D. (Medicaid No. 00-----602), L.D. (Medicaid No. 78-----012), N.F. (Medicaid No. 64-----012), A.B. (Medicaid No. 37-----016), J.G. (Medicaid No. 64-----011), and/or A.M. (Medicaid No. 78-----001). Defendant's claims to Medicaid asserted that certain medical supplies were provided to the aforementioned Medicaid recipients and requested reimbursement for such provision of medical supplies. Instead, the aforementioned Medicaid recipients did not receive the certain medical supplies from Defendant, or through AME, that Defendant claimed to have provided.

All of which was committed in the County of Washoe, the amount of the claims aggregating an amount in excess of \$650.00, and constitutes a category D felony in violation of NRS 422.540.

All of which is contrary to form, force and effect of the statutes in such cases made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the State of Nevada.

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<u>COUNT 2</u> <u>SUBMISSION OF FALSE MEDICAID CLAIMS</u> NRS 422.540 (1)(a) and NRS 422.540 (2)(a) Felony, Category D

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

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From January 2007 through May 2010, Defendant submitted several claims to Medicaid for reimbursement under the Medicaid numbers of Medicaid recipients G.A. (Medicaid No. 00-----317), E.B. (Medicaid No. 00-----671), C.B. (Medicaid No. 49-----001), M.J. (Medicaid No. 22-----001), D.La. (Medicaid No. 36-----001), D.Lo. (Medicaid No. 48-----010), J.L. (Medicaid No. 34-----011), D.M. (Medicaid No. 00-----201), B.O. (Medicaid No. 41-----010), U.P. (Medicaid No. 62-----011), M.P. (Medicaid No. 61-----001), A.R. (Medicaid No. 26-----010), J.S. (Medicaid No. 00-----332), B.S. (Medicaid No 00-----023), E.T. (Medicaid No. 79-----010), J.T. (Medicaid No. 60-----001), J.V. (Medicaid No. 64-----001) and/or L.W. (Medicaid No. 83-----001). Defendant's claims to Medicaid asserted that certain medical supplies were provided to the aforementioned Medicaid recipients and requested reimbursement for such provision of medical supplies. Instead, the aforementioned Medicaid recipients did not receive the certain medical supplies from Defendant, or through AME, that Defendant claimed to have provided.

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DATED this 21 ST day of CRBRuder 2012.

CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO Attorney General

(v) By: (

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*	1	CERTIFICATE OF MAILING		
	2	I hereby certify that I am an employee of the Office of the Attorney General and that I		
	3	have this day served a copy of the foregoing Criminal Information, by depositing a true and		
	4	correct copy of the same in a sealed envelope via the United States Post Office, properly		
	5	addressed, first class postage fully prepaid, to the following:		
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